

WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD RESOLUTION 18-014

A resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Washoe County School District reaffirming their commitment to conservation and sustainability, and calling for state and federal action on climate change

WHEREAS, an overwhelming majority of credentialed scientists, in the U.S. and abroad, support the finding that climate change is happening and that human activity is a key contributor; and

WHEREAS, if left unaddressed, the consequences of climate change will harm all Americans, most especially children and those living in poverty, and saddle future generations with the costly burden of a dangerously damaged planet; and

WHEREAS, climate instability is a global challenge requiring bold, innovative, and sustained actions at all levels of government, local, state, and federal; and

WHEREAS, the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees is committed to the implementation of effective, comprehensive, and sustainable initiatives and programs as per Board Policy 7400; and

WHEREAS, the Washoe County School District promotes sustainability in several conservation and environmental health efforts in areas to include: air and noise pollution, energy efficiency and renewable energy, facility condition, chemical and environmental contaminant hazards, recycling, water, landscaping and gardens, and capital construction; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County School District students are introduced to curriculum that allows them to understand sustainability and environmental health issues; and

WHEREAS, all District personnel play a role in protecting the community's environmental health and are provided with training and resources; and

WHEREAS, the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees recognizes that climate change is a children's issue, a generational justice and human rights issue, and a social justice and equity issue; and

WHEREAS, the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees depends on committed partners in local, state, and federal government to realize our climate action goals, and recognizes the efforts and progress made to date;

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees calls upon leaders at all levels to take swift and effective action on climate change to

protect current and future students, and directs the Superintendent to send copies of this resolution to our representatives in Washington, D.C and Carson City, including Senator Dean Heller, Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto, Senator-elect Jacky Rosen, Congressman Mark Amodei, Governor Brian Sandoval, Governor-elect Steve Sisolak, and leadership of the Nevada State Legislature.

ADOPTED, this 11th day of December, 2018.

Katy Simon Holland
President
Washoe County School District
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