

**Mt. Diablo Unified School District  
Resolution No. 18/19-55  
Call to Climate Change Action**

**WHEREAS**, we believe America is a great nation and has proud heritage of addressing humanity's most pressing problems; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe it is important to advocate for climate action leading to climate restoration to curtail one of the greatest threats facing communities throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that climate change is not a partisan issue and that local, state, and national policies should be guided by the best available science; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a broad scientific consensus among climate scientists that human activities, contributing to increases in greenhouse gas emissions, are the dominant cause of climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, children represent a particularly vulnerable group because greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere will continue to accumulate over the coming decades and will profoundly impact our current students throughout their lives, as well as the lives of future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015 the California PTA has declared climate change a children's issue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mt. Diablo Unified School District recognizes climate change as a generational justice and human rights issue; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change is a social justice and equity issue. While climate change impacts all people and disproportionately impacts all young people and future generations, it disproportionately affects people of color and people in poverty, thereby exacerbating existing inequities and limiting equality of opportunity which is a foundational aspiration for modern America; and

**WHEREAS**, the global impact, urgency, and magnitude of the challenge of addressing climate change calls for leadership in all sectors of society, all institutions and all elected leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, national and state elected leaders working in a bipartisan fashion to enact carbon pricing policies could substantially reduce human-made greenhouse gas emissions, thereby protecting our current and future students; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that our graduates need to positively shape the world that is yet to be created environmentally and sustainably; and

**WHEREAS**, Mt. Diablo Unified School District celebrates existing district sustainability initiatives such as:

- Encouraging environmental K-12 education and climate science
- Creating edible gardens on campuses and utilizing them in place-based teaching
- Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels by installing solar panels across our district, generating 11 Megawatts of clean energy annually
- Installation of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) program replacing aged and inefficient heating/ventilating equipment with high efficiency heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems
- Implementation of LED lighting to reduce energy consumption
- District-wide installation of water filters to support clean water; implementation of low flow water fixtures and water filtration systems (bottle fillers)
- Supporting school-based green/sustainability initiatives
- Utilizing health conscious pesticide and chemical products
- Implementation of drought-tolerant landscape
- Assurance that new buildings and retrofits to existing buildings use environmentally sensitive building materials, as well as efficient use of energy, water, and other resources in accordance with the CalGREEN building code
- Continued implementation of a comprehensive waste reduction, recycling, and composting program at schools.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Education calls on Congress to take swift and effective action on climate change, such as enacting a revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend, to protect current and future students.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education directs the district clerk to transmit official copies of this resolution to the following: the Superintendent of County Schools, the State Superintendent of Education and the California State Board of Education, the Congressional Climate Solutions Caucus, the California State School Board Association, the National School Board Association, our state and national representatives in Sacramento and Washington D.C., and the Schools for Climate Action campaign.

At a regular meeting of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Education, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019.

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