

**Poway Unified School District
RESOLUTION NO. 34-2019
SUPPORT FOR CLIMATE LITERACY AND LEADERSHIP**

ON MOTION of Member _____, seconded by Member _____, the following resolution is adopted:

WHEREAS, we believe that climate change is neither a partisan nor political issue and that local, state, and national policies should be guided by the best available science; and,

WHEREAS, the Fourth National Climate Assessment, mandated by the Global Change Research Act of 1990, reported in 2017 that we are currently living in the warmest period in the history of modern civilization and concludes, based on extensive evidence, that it is extremely likely that human activities, especially emissions of greenhouse gases, are the dominant cause of the observed warming; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Department of Education (CDE), 89 percent of Californians agree that it is very important or somewhat important that local K-12 schools include environmental education; and

WHEREAS, in response to that statistic, the CDE published the blueprint *Environmental Literacy: Educating Every California Student In, About, and For the Environment* (2015); and

WHEREAS, Environmental content is a key element of the new California Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) adopted by the CDE; 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 Parent Teacher Association (PTA) declared climate change a children's issue; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of California passed Proposition 39: The California Clean Energy Jobs Act (K-12 Programs) in 2012 to fund Local Education Agency (LEA) projects to improve energy efficiency and expand clean energy generation in schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that, the Board of Education of the Poway Unified School District, commends the efforts of the District in its work to establish student climate change literacy, such as:

1. Offering Environmental Science courses
2. Adopting and fully implementing NGSS
3. Supporting environmental student clubs throughout the District
4. Supporting outdoor classrooms and learning gardens

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that, the Board of Education of the Poway Unified School District fully supports environmentally sustainable business practices, such as:

1. LED Lighting
2. Solar energy installation
3. Improved recycling programs
4. Energy storage
5. LEED Certification for new construction
6. Upgrading vehicle and school bus fleet to fuel efficient models

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that, Board of Education of the Poway Unified School District is committed to supporting new initiatives and opportunities to foster environmental literacy in the classroom and environmentally sustainable business practices.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on March 14, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)

This is to certify that the foregoing document is a true copy of the Resolution of the Board of Education of the Poway Unified School District of San Diego County.

Ginger Couvrette, Clerk of the Board of Education