

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORT )  
FOR YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION ) **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, ninety-seven percent of publishing climate scientists along with organizations including the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Association for the Advancement of Science, National Academy of Sciences, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change affirm that anthropogenic climate change is driving dire consequences for the planet; and

**WHEREAS**, the current federal administration undermines the validity of climate change and suppressed findings by the US Geological Survey that predicts over \$100 billion in climate damages to California by 2100; and

**WHEREAS**, the current federal administration intends to pull the United States, the second largest emissions contributor in the world, out of the Paris Climate Agreement as soon as the option is available in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress is considering emerging legislation like the Green New Deal, which addresses the climate crisis at the scale of the problem and would ensure that the US reenters the Paris Climate Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 United Nations Climate Action Summit is to be held on September 23, 2019 in New York with potential to create US climate action; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Diego Unified Board of Education has previously recognized the threat from global warming by calling on the California State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) and the California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) to divest their investment portfolios of stocks in fossil fuel companies; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Education has adopted Resolutions in Support of Community Choice Aggregation, PTA-Climate Change is a Children's Issue, and Supporting Climate Science Literacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Diego Unified School District's "Dream Big Solutions for a Sustainable Future" plan ensures district climate action and climate consciousness and its Climate Action Plan commits to 100% renewable energy by 2035; and

**WHEREAS**, San Diego Unified is taking steps towards meeting its goals by retrofitting schools with more efficient air conditioning and lighting systems; and more than 29,000 lighting fixtures have been converted to LED, offsetting 1,300 metric tons of CO2 gas emissions; and projected district solar energy production by the end of 2020 will offset 8,100 tons of CO2; and

**WHEREAS**, San Diego Unified has funded the construction of hundreds of acres of parks and green spaces through the joint-use partnership with the City of San Diego; and reduced litter and plastic waste by nearly 4.7 million pieces through the replacement of utensil packets with individual forks, spoons, and napkins; and

**WHEREAS**, students from San Diego Unified have taken a leadership role in confronting global warming through participation in "Green Teams," recycling clubs, "Planet Protectors," and other student groups; and the "Love Food Not Waste" program has prevented 202,775 pounds of prepared

food ending up in landfills, provided 169,120 meals to the hungry, reduced food costs, and eliminated 110,107 pounds of CO2 gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, there will be a Global Climate Strike and Walkout on September 20, 2019 led by Greta Thunberg and other youth climate leaders to demonstrate to world leaders at all levels of government that the people, especially the youth, are not satisfied with the insufficient response to climate change; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the San Diego Unified School District supports and is proud of students' leadership in calling for aggressive climate action at the local, national and global levels and their participation in the Global Climate Walkout.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the San Diego Unified School District encourages all professional educators to support student Global Climate Walkout events provided that educational outcomes are demonstrated (e.g., preparing an essay or video on the experience, documenting planning time)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the San Diego Unified School District supports the free speech rights of every student, and will ensure students are able to help plan and participate in Global Climate Walkout events in support of the Global Climate Walkout on September 20, 2019.

Approved and adopted by the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District, San Diego, California, at a public meeting thereof duly called and held this 10th day of September 2019.

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ANDRA M. GREENE, General Counsel  
San Diego Unified School District

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Marty Stultz, Board Action Officer, Board of Education