

**FREMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION #2021-21**

**COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has reported that Earth's global average atmospheric temperature rose by approximately (0.18°C / 0.32°F) between 1880 and 2019, and this rise has continued at an accelerated rate; 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**, climate change is not a partisan nor political issue and local, state, and national policies should be guided by the best available science and calls for leadership in all sectors of society and through all institutions; 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**, the California Parent Teacher Association has declared climate change a children's issue as of 2015 and 68 school boards in California have passed climate resolutions since December 2017, including Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District, Oakland Unified School District, Campbell Union High School District, Fremont Unified School District, Mt. Diablo Unified School District, and San Francisco Unified School District; and

**WHEREAS**, the best educational experience possible for students includes a clean and healthful environment, and credible reassurance of a sustainable future; and

**WHEREAS**, Fremont Union High School District is proud to commit to actions against climate change and recognizes several accomplishments already made toward sustainability within the district, including but not limited to:

1. Collaborating with existing municipal, county and state entities on climate action plans;
2. Supporting local, state and nation Safe Routes to School programs;
3. Implementing healthy options into our food programs;
4. Installing refillable water stations on our campuses;
5. Installing recycling and waste sorting bins on our campuses;

6. Installing Electric Vehicle chargers in school parking lots;
7. Minimizing the use of hazardous materials (i.e. cleaning and science supplies) when possible and storing hazardous materials in a safe and secure area;
8. Following a comprehensive preventive maintenance plan, including educating staff to report any issues related to heating and cooling systems, kitchen appliances or equipment, water leaks or issues, lighting concerns and any other concerns related to energy management;
9. Following the principles of integrated pest management (IPM) with the goal of eliminating or reducing both the use of toxic pesticides in schools; and
10. Implementing environmentally conscious features onto our campuses via our district Bond Program, including:
  - Solar panels at all five high schools;
  - Drought-resistant landscaping;
  - Replacing grass fields with artificial turf to reduce water; and
  - Updated electric heating, lighting and plumbing systems.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fremont Union High School District Board of Trustees does hereby acknowledge that climate change threatens our district, county, state, nation and world, and thus should be an important consideration in formulating policies; and

**BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**, that we respectfully call on Congress to enact national policies including carbon fee and dividend to restore the climate in order to protect current and future students and for the good of all young people and of future generations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that as a commitment to sustainability, the superintendent or designee will conduct an annual review of the Board Policies and Administrative Regulations that relate to the Green School Operations, Energy and Water Management, and Integrated Waste Management (BP 3510, BP 3511, AR3511 BP 3511.1, AR 3511.1 ). The review will contain an assessment of the impacts of sustainability measures that were completed or started in the past year. The assessment should also include metrics for the success of the several past sustainability measures including but not limited to:

1. The amount of electricity generated by solar panels on each of the five campuses;
2. The amount of water saved by switching to artificial turf fields;
3. The emissions reduction from EV chargers; and
4. Installing recycling and waste sorting bins on our campuses.

It will also outline recommendations for future projects or amendments to future projects that will help attain the goals set by the Green School Operations policy (BP 3510). A student

representative(s) will be responsible for reviewing the impacts of various climate projects and give recommendations for amendments to existing projects or new projects for the upcoming year. The report will be presented or discussed at a Board Meeting and the student representative will voice the concerns of the collective student body, as represented in the report. The first representative(s) will be selected from the student team that collaborated with staff on this resolution and they will appoint a rising junior for future terms.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees does hereby request the District to transmit official copies of this resolution to local school boards, the city and town councils of Cupertino, Sunnyvale, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga, Los Altos, and Santa Clara County Office of Education, the State Superintendent of Education, the California State Board of Education, the California School Boards Association, the National School Boards Association, our state and national representatives in Sacramento and Washington D.C., and the Schools for Climate Action Campaign.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of May, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: 5  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

*Bill Wilson*

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President of the Governing Board

*Rosemarie*

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Clerk of the Governing Board