

**Resolution of Davis Joint Unified School District  
CALL TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION, 2018- 19  
RESOLUTION NO. 47-19**

**WHEREAS**, we believe America is a great nation and has a 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, in the absence of significant corrective actions, 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 Davis Joint Unified School District recognizes climate change as a generational justice and human rights issue; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change impacts all people and disproportionately impacts all young people and future generations, it also 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, by all institutions and by 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Davis Joint Unified School District celebrates existing district sustainability initiatives and programs such as:

1. Encouraging environmental K-12 education and climate science
2. Continued development of programs and infrastructure to enhance biking and walking to school
3. Education and engagement of parents and the community about District sustainability, waste management and recycling efforts
4. Continued reduction in the use of pesticides and herbicides through the District Integrated Pest Management program
5. Engagement and non-partisan advocacy with local, state and federal jurisdictions for common sense climate policies that protect current and future students
6. Continued implementation and expansion of the District-wide efforts to improve the energy efficiency of schools, including the installation of LED lighting and HVAC systems to reduce energy consumption
7. Supporting sustainable facilities for both new construction and retrofits
8. Evaluating measures that increase environmental sustainability, while remaining financially sustainable

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education directs the District clerk to transmit official copies of this resolution to the Yolo County Office of Education, the State Superintendent of Education and the California State Board of Education, the Congressional Climate Solutions Caucus, 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.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month of June in 2019.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Bob Poppenga  
President, Governing Board of the  
Davis Joint Unified School District

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

John Bowes, Ed. D.  
Secretary, Governing Board of the  
Davis Joint Unified School District