

Placerville Union School District Resolution on Resource Conservation

Resolution #08-21-01

WHEREAS, schools in PUSD have the potential to affect positive change while preparing students to be stewards of their communities; and

WHEREAS, extreme events such as wildfires, floods, extreme heat and public safety power shut-offs directly impact the physical and economic health of communities in which our students and their families live, while also causing lost learning days; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a resource conservation focus provides an opportunity for students to engage in real-world application of science skills and understanding; and

WHEREAS, teaching the importance of resource conservation shines a light on career opportunities for the future; and

WHEREAS, implementation of sustainable practices on school campuses, capital investments to improve energy efficiency, and other environmentally mindful purchasing decisions can yield significant cost savings for our schools; and

WHEREAS, a conservation initiative will continue to yield safe and healthy transportation to and from school, maintain improved air and water quality, create workforce development; and

WHEREAS, through this conservation initiative the PUSD children and youth expect that their representatives will advocate for their communities continues well-being; and

WHEREAS, PUSD students strive to be environmentally conscious in their daily lives and to be active and engaged leaders on resource conservation in their community, both now and in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Placerville Union School District establishes the following resource conservation learning goals:

- Creation of "Conservation Clubs" on each campus
- Solar Power on all campuses
- Energy Efficient Protocols
- Water Conservation Measures

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, PUSD is committed to identifying opportunities within our curriculum, and providing additional learning and leadership opportunities where possible, that reflect our students' resource conservation goals for their daily lives and their academic and professional careers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, PUSD will seek out creative and collaborative partnerships that connect our students and staff with local community groups, business leaders, associations and city and county government on efforts to make our community more environmentally friendly and promote resource conservation practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PUSD calls on the California Department of Education, the California State Board of Education and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to provide increased opportunities for local educational agencies to promote student learning on the importance of resource conservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the PUSD governing board directs the clerk to transmit official copies of this resolution to the following: all student councils in PUSD, the PUSD employee labor group representatives, all PUSD PTAs, the Superintendent of County Schools, the Placerville City Council members, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, the California State Board of Education, the California School Boards Association, our local California State Legislators, the Congressional Climate Solutions Caucus, and all California members of Congress.

Adopted the 18th day of the month of August in 2021.

Motion made by: Member diVittorio

Second made by: Member Stabler

Members voting "aye". Chris Belmer, Katie Stabler, Misty diVittorio, Erica Garce-Briseno & Sarah Sleppy.

Members voting "no" : None

Members abstaining: None

Members not present: