**Resolution 21-14**

**San Leandro Unified School District**

**COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION**

**WHEREAS,** we believe it is important to advocate for climate action to curtail one of the greatest threats facing communities throughout the world; 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 in climate change; and

**WHEREAS,** children represent a particularly vulnerable group because greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere will accumulate over the coming decades and will profoundly impact today's children throughout their lives as well as the lives of future generations; and,

**WHEREAS**, the San Leandro Unified School District recognizes climate change as a human issue; and

**WHEREAS,** climate change is a social justice and equity issue. While climate change impacts *all* people and disproportionately impacts *all* young people and *all* future generations, it 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, all institutions and all elected leaders; and,

**WHEREAS,** national, local, and state elected leaders working in a bipartisan fashion to enact carbon pricing policies could substantially reduce or eliminate net human-made greenhouse gas emissions, thereby protecting our current and future students; and,

**WHEREAS,** we work to ensure that San Leandro Unified students graduate as knowledgeable citizens of the world.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that San Leandro Unified School District Board of Education shall encourage local schools to participate in non-partisan advocacy and engagement with local, state and federal jurisdictions advocating for reducing the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the San Leandro Unified School District Board of Education supports the following initiatives:

- We will connect with existing municipal, county, and state climate action plans
- We will continue to support local Walk and Roll to School programs
- We will purchase energy from clean energy providers
- We will explore the implementation of a robust recycling program
- We will support efficient facilities for both new construction and retrofits
- We will continue to teach our students respect for natural resources
- We are committed to identifying opportunities within our curriculum, and providing additional learning and leadership opportunities where possible, that reflect our students' environmental goals for their civic lives and their academic and professional careers; and
- We 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 sustainable practices

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-14 PASSED** and **ADOPTED** by the Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District this 9th day of March, 2021

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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| Evelyn González, Board President | Mike McLaughlin, Ed.D., Superintendent |