



## **Environment & Climate Action Resolution for Dallas ISD Spring 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Dallas Independent School District is to educate all students for success.

**WHEREAS**, the Dallas Independent School District is known for relentlessly seeking to become a premier urban school district where students graduate and go on to thrive in, and shape, the world.

**WHEREAS**, in building the future through educating our youth, we recognize that we have a responsibility to be good stewards of the world that they will inherit, and that climate change threatens our ability to do that.

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we're facing a climate crisis and understand the significant, negative impact that rapid and ongoing climate change has on America's schools, students, and communities.

**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 research.

**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.

**WHEREAS**, climate change is an equity issue it disproportionately affects people of color and people in poverty, thereby exacerbating existing inequities and limiting equality of opportunity.

**WHEREAS**, the Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes climate change as a generational justice, human rights, and equity issue.

**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.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas is developing a Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan, which, in part, depends on Dallas Independent School District partnering with them, and others, in climate actions.

**WHEREAS**, the Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees reaffirms existing district sustainability initiatives such as those listed by the Dallas Independent School District Energy & Sustainability department.

**LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT**, the Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools shall relentlessly pursue systemic improvements to policies, programs, and practices in ways that enhance the District's sustainability initiatives to ensure that our youth inherit a healthy, clean, and vibrant world.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees shall establish an Environmental and Climate Committee in accordance with BDF (LOCAL). The Committee shall recommend goals and progress measures, along with specific recommendations for acting on climate change that are within the purview of the District, such as:

- Curricular and Educational Opportunities
- Facilities and Operational Priorities, including bond projects
- Transportation
- Food Services

The Committee shall be open to participation by board members, board appointees, administration, staff, parents, students, and community members, shall include the engagement of outside experts on environmental issues, and include representation from the City of Dallas. The committee shall provide regular reports of its activities and progress to the Board of Trustees and make its recommendations to the board within six months of authorization.

**ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.**

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