

Administrative School District No. 1
Bend-La Pine Schools

RESOLUTION NO. 1884

Call to Climate Action Resolution

WHEREAS, the Bend La Pine School Board values global citizenship and environmental stewardship;

WHEREAS, 97% or more of publishing scientists agree that the earth's climate is warming and the warming trends are exacerbated by human activities;

WHEREAS, climate change is neither a partisan nor a political issue;

WHEREAS, climate change is disrupting our educational environment with increased variations in temperature and precipitation and increased wildfires;

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, many options and choices exist for schools and their staff to use natural resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse, and recycle; to produce more sustainably sourced lunches, and to purchase clean energy and environmentally preferable products and supplies to protect our environment; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence and the actions we take in the next few years will have repercussions, both positive and negative for generations to come; 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, as thriving citizens, Bend-La Pine graduates should be knowledgeable about the climate crisis, its local impact, and actions they can take to make a difference.

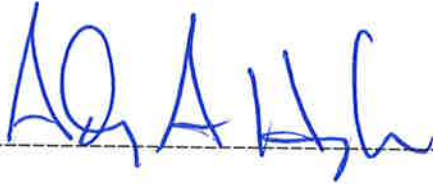
NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

1. We will strive to be role models for practices that promote conservation, waste reduction and sustainability.
2. We, as a board, call on all staff, voters, leaders, and institutions to join us in advocating for and implementing state and national policies that take effective and sensible action on climate change;
3. We call on all youth, all adults, and all institutions to advocate for and to take climate action in order to protect this generation and future generations.
4. Bend-La Pine Schools can be part of the climate change solution by reducing emissions and promoting environmental stewardship.
5. The district will commit to reviewing and following the adopted sustainability plan, EDDA-AR: Sustainability, and continue to strive to reduce emissions through all operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for Bend-La Pine Schools directs staff to transmit signed copies of this resolution to the following: all Oregon Members of Congress, the Congressional Climate Solutions Caucus, The Oregon State Board of Education, the National Association of School Boards, and the Schools for Climate Action Campaign.

Adopted this 25 day of June, 2019

Signed:



Chair

Attest:



Superintendent