

Sebastopol Union School District Climate Change Resolution 1718-07

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WHEREAS, We believe it is important for us to advocate for climate action to curtail one of the greatest threats facing communities throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, We believe that climate change should be neither a partisan nor political issue and that policies should be guided by the best available science; and,

WHEREAS, There is 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, Sebastopol Union School District recognizes climate change as a children's issue; 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, We work to ensure that all Sebastopol Union School District students graduate as "globally-minded citizens"; and,

WHEREAS, Sebastopol Union School District has a responsibility to minimize its greenhouse gas emissions, demonstrate leadership, and provide education and actionable solutions that children can engage in to address climate change, and

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT, Sebastopol Union School District shall establish a Climate Change Committee to develop recommendations for taking action on climate change that are within the purview of the District, such as: curricular and educational opportunities; facilities and operational priorities and projects; targets for reducing District greenhouse gas emissions; and, engagement with local, state and federal jurisdictions. The Committee shall be open to participation by board members, administration, staff, parents, students, and community members, and shall provide regular reports of its activities to the Board of Trustees.



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