

**Resolution of the Eugene School District
4J Call to Climate Change Action
Resolution 2019-14**

WHEREAS we believe it is important to advocate for climate action leading to climate restoration to curtail one of the greatest threats facing communities throughout the world;

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;

WHEREAS, there is a broad scientific consensus among climate scientists that human activities, contributing to increases in greenhouse gas emissions, are the dominant cause of climate change;

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 a children's issue, a generational justice and human rights issue, and a social justice and equity issue;

WHEREAS, Board Policy EDDA recognizes the principle of sustainability and its connection to future generations of district students;

WHEREAS, the Eugene School District 4J has already taken important measures to build and improve the energy efficiency of schools, promote walking and biking to school, reduce waste reduction and recycling programs at schools; and encourage environmental programs;

WHEREAS, we work to ensure that Eugene School District 4J students graduate as knowledgeable students of the world;

WHEREAS, the global impact, urgency, and magnitude of the challenge of addressing climate change requires leadership in all sectors of society and across all levels of government;

WHEREAS, we depend on national, state and local elected leaders to work in bipartisan fashion to make substantial progress on climate action, thereby protecting our current and future students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Eugene 4J School Board supports the following initiatives:

1. We will collaborate with existing city, county and state partners to realize our goals for sustainability.
2. We will work to reduce food waste and promote climate-friendly food service at all district schools.
3. We will continue to teach students respect for natural resources.
4. We will provide environmental science instruction and curriculum at all levels aligned to Next Generation Science Standards in the areas of interdependency of humans and the natural world, human impacts on earth systems, weather and climate systems, climate change and natural resources.
5. We will continue to engage in sustainable building, landscaping and maintenance practices.
6. We will continue to support the Safe Routes to Schools program.
7. We will continue to identify opportunities throughout district schools and departments to reduce carbon consumption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eugene School District 4J Board calls on the United States Congress and the Oregon State Legislature to take swift and common sense action on climate change to protect current and future students.

Approved this 1st day of May, 2019.



Alicia Hays, Chair