

Tahoe Truckee Unified School District

Resolution No. 18- 2017-2018

Healthy and Environmentally Sound Schools

WHEREAS, schools have the potential to make positive, tangible environmental change in the world while teaching students to be stewards of their communities, the earth, and its resources; and

WHEREAS, a unique partnership exists between TTUSD and Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships (SWEP), a community supported nonprofit that promotes environmental stewardship by connecting students to their community and local environment through comprehensive watershed education and service learning; and

WHEREAS, implementing environmentally friendly practices within school buildings can increase the overall health and well-being of students; and

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District is located within the ecologically sensitive Lake Tahoe Basin and Sierra Nevada Range, which provides students a unique opportunity to learn principles and practices of environmental stewardship and is often a significant draw for new families; and

WHEREAS, schools expend considerable financial resources on energy, water, refuse services, and custodial and office supplies, and have a considerable opportunity through their purchasing power to improve both the environment and their financial bottom line; 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, recognizing that the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District has already taken significant measures in support of green school practices, energy efficiency, healthy school nutrition programs, and waste diversion/reduction; and

WHEREAS, the California State PTA adopted a “Climate Change is a Children’s Issue” resolution in 2015 that urges school districts to serve as role models for practices that promote energy conservation, alternative energy sources, reducing dependency on automobile travel and encouraging sustainable practices; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District hereby supports:

- Continued implementation and expansion of the district-wide plan to improve the energy efficiency of schools (e.g. lighting, window replacement, insulation, weatherization, efficient equipment, and technology to effectively manage energy use).
- Continued efforts on sustainable purchasing practices.
- Increased reliance on clean, renewable energy sources to power the District’s facilities, in line with the Town of Truckee’s recent pledge to power 100% of electricity use with renewable energy by 2030.

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- Assurance that new buildings and retrofits to existing buildings use environmentally sensitive building materials, as well as efficient use of energy, water, and other resources.
- An evaluation of the existing transit system to maximize efficiency and reduce the total vehicle miles traveled in getting students to school.
- Continued development of programs and infrastructure to enhance biking and walking to school through the Safe Routes to School and other programs.
- Continued implementation of a comprehensive waste reduction, recycling, and composting program at all schools.
- Sustainable landscaping practices that reduce water use and storm water runoff, minimize chemical inputs, and provide habitat for native flora and fauna.
- Development of any new environmental curriculum will integrate with the Next Generation Science Standards and California's Environmental Principles & Concepts to highlight the relationship between humans and the natural world including sustainability and environmental literacy.
- Education and engagement of parents and the community about District sustainability efforts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, Placer County, State of California, February 7, 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Robert J. Leri
Secretary to the Board

I, Kim Szczurek, President of the Board of Trustees, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District at its meeting of February 7, 2018, which Resolution is on file in the office of the said Board.

President, Board of Trustees
Tahoe Truckee Unified School District