

Board of Education
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RESOLUTION 2019/2020-3

**CALL TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION:
A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH IN THEIR DECLARATION OF
A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND CALL FOR ACTION**

1 **WHEREAS**, we believe it is vital to advocate for climate action leading to climate restoration,
2 in order to address one of the greatest threats facing communities throughout the world; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, we believe that climate change is not a partisan issue and that local, state, and
5 national policies should be guided by the best available science and solutions; and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Public Schools Board unanimously passed Policy #542,
8 *Organizational Sustainability through Environmental Stewardship*, in February of 2017,
9 specifically to respond to climate crisis and the myriad issues resulting from it, and requiring
10 the Superintendent to put a plan in place committing to District sustainability; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, children represent a particularly vulnerable group because greenhouse gases
13 emitted into the atmosphere will continue to accumulate over the coming decades and will
14 profoundly impact our current students throughout their lives, as well as the lives of future
15 generations; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, climate change is a social justice and equity issue, disproportionately affecting
18 people of color and people in poverty, thereby exacerbating existing inequities and limiting
19 equality of opportunity; and,
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Mission of Santa Fe Public Schools is as follows: *to ensure every student a*
22 *safe, high quality, and engaging education which values diversity, equity, and social justice,*
23 *and fully maximizes District and community resources;* and,
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25 **WHEREAS**, the global impact, urgency, and magnitude of the challenge of addressing climate
26 change calls for leadership in all sectors of society, all institutions, and all elected leaders;
27 and,
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29 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Public Schools Board of Education celebrates district sustainability
30 initiatives such as renewable energy, water and energy efficiency, resource conservation,

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31 sustainable building practices, waste reduction, and environmental education; and,
32 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Public Schools Board of Education recognizes and understands the
33 significant negative impact that rapid and ongoing climate change has on America’s schools,
34 students, and their communities.

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36 **LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT**, in accordance with Board Policy #542, the
37 Superintendent shall bring forward the SFPS Sustainability Guide for Board consideration and
38 adoption, which will result in recommendations for taking action on climate change that are
39 within the purview of the District, including but not limited to:

- 41 • curricular and educational opportunities such as climate literacy, climate advocacy,
42 and climate justice curriculum;
- 43 • facilities and operational priorities and projects including transportation, purchasing,
44 maintenance, student nutrition, construction, and landscaping;
- 45 • ongoing student, staff, and community input regarding the SFPS Sustainability Guide
46 goals and progress, and integration into the SFPS Strategic Plan.

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48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Santa Fe Public Schools Board of Education
49 supports our Youth in their declaration of a climate emergency and call for action on local,
50 state, and national levels.

51 **APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd day of September, 2019**

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54 **By:** _____
55 **Kate I. Noble, President**

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57 **Attested by:** _____
58 **Rudy Garcia, Secretary**
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