

McFarland School District (MSD) Sustainability Resolution

WHEREAS, in acknowledgment of the threat that climate change poses to our world and way of life, specifically that it is already negatively affecting our lives and will continue to have harmful long-term effects on the livability of our planet; and

WHEREAS, climate change disproportionately affects young people and their futures; and

WHEREAS, confirming that there is a limited amount of time to address climate change before it becomes irreversible; and

WHEREAS, in hopes that McFarland School District will serve as a leader in the community on the advancement of sustainability and clean energy; and

WHEREAS, the current levels of waste generated by students, staff, and other facility users in the district are a burden, are not sustainable, and negatively impact the environment; and

WHEREAS, climate change disproportionately affects marginalized groups, of which there are a number of residing in the district and attending McFarland schools; and

WHEREAS, to uphold our district's promise of preparing students for a better future; and

WHEREAS, there is strong support within the student body and administration for action to be taken to address climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, all future MSD building projects will be planned with sustainability in mind, including water and resource conservation, renewable materials, and power by renewable energy.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, MSD, in collaboration with students and student groups will generate renewable energy ideas on an on-going basis.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, MSD will identify and implement as feasible the reductions of landfill waste ;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, MSD will provide educators with guidance and resources on how they can reduce waste in the classroom and make plans with sustainability in mind;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, MSD will work towards creating a culture of refuse reduction within our schools;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, MSD will ensure all students, staff, and other faculty members have access to climate education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, MSD will identify partnerships and grants that would allow the district to achieve its goals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, MSD will continue to have administration participate and partner with students and student groups to develop new initiatives and or leadership groups that help to foster a better future for our current and future students.

This resolution elevates the previous commitments made by the District in the McFarland School District Sustainability Resolution adopted on May 16, 2022

Adopted on April 15, 2024 by the McFarland School Board