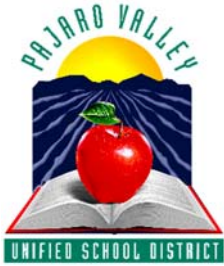


**PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District is to educate and to support learners in reaching their highest potential. We prepare students to pursue successful futures and to make positive contributions to the community and global society.



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PVUSD Joins List of California School Boards Passing Climate Change

Resolutions

Watsonville, CA, August 22, 2018 – Last night, the Board of Trustees of Pajaro Valley Unified School District passed resolution #18-19-05 on climate change, solidifying the ongoing commitment to do our local part to protect our environment. This action is timely and the matter is one of international attention. Board Vice President, Maria Orozco said, “As a district, we are committed to protecting our environment. PVUSD has implemented an energy savings program meant to reduce energy consumption in every aspect of operations. We also have environmental literacy curriculum in place that supports protecting our ecosystem. As a board, we are delighted to continue to lead as advocates of the environment with the adoption of this resolution.”

Climate Change is an issue of international urgency. This action comes to the Board at just a month away from San Francisco hosting the Global Action Summit that will launch leaders and people from around the globe to commit to meaningful actions to protect the planet from dangerous climate changes.

Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, Superintendent, said that “The resolution acknowledges that climate change is a children’s issue and presents it as a call to action to leaders in all sectors of our society to address its global impact through local engagements. PVUSD is a leader in protecting the environment and this action incorporates the District into a group of district leaders taking actionable solutions through education.”

The District is poised to being an active participant in the paradigm shift addressing climate change through educational opportunities, and facility and operational priorities. These educational opportunities will allow today and tomorrow’s children to inherit a healthy planet with systems in place to protect it for many generations to come.

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**Pajaro Valley Unified School District Climate Change
Resolution #18-19-05**

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

WHEREAS, Pajaro Valley Unified 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 Pajaro Valley Unified School District students graduate as "globally-minded citizens"; and,

WHEREAS, Pajaro Valley Unified 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

THEREFORE, Pajaro Valley Unified School District shall continue to be Clean Air Leaders as noted by the Monterey Bay Air Resources District; and,

THEREFORE, Pajaro Valley Unified School District shall take action on climate change that is 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.

AYES: 6

NOES: 1

ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 0


Clerk of the Board