

**JEFFERSON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Resolution No. 2023-2024/6

Resolution Declaring Climate Emergency

WHEREAS, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), increasing greenhouse gasses (GHG) will cause global temperatures to rise 1.5 degrees Celsius by as early as 2030 and create environmental disruptions across the globe; and,

WHEREAS, time is of the essence; the actions we do or do not take now and in the next few years will determine the intensity of climate change and its consequences for generations to come; and,

WHEREAS, for San Mateo County, rising global temperatures will cause sea levels to rise (up to six feet or more by 2100 under certain scenarios), contribute to increasingly extreme weather, including intense rainfall, storms, and heatwaves, which heighten the risk of large wildfires; and,

WHEREAS, climate changes, such as air pollution from wildfires, inherently and undeniably threatens the Jefferson Union High School District community's ability to learn and their physical and mental well-being; and,

WHEREAS, climate change is accelerating and [San Mateo County is the most vulnerable county in California to sea level rise](#); and,

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment indicates that in San Mateo County over 160,000 children under the age of 18 years, and over 100,000 older adults, are vulnerable to risks posed by sea level rise; and,

WHEREAS, the State of California has enacted policies and provided guidance for reducing the state's ecological footprint by establishing green facilities and operations, prioritizing environmental literacy, and advocating for children and youth to spend time playing and learning outdoors; and,

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors has invited all cities and other local jurisdictions, agencies, and institutions to also approve a Climate Emergency Declaration; and,

WHEREAS, The Jefferson Union High School District is committed to allocating consideration to the current and future impacts of climate change; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Jefferson Union High School District declares a climate emergency, calling for an evaluation of district operations;
2. The Jefferson Union High School District is committed to researching and implementing best practices for clean energy as it modernizes facilities;
3. The Jefferson Union High School District will connect and collaborate with local partners, organizations, and stakeholders to work towards sustainability goals;
4. The Jefferson Union High School District is committed to identifying opportunities within our curriculum, and providing additional learning and leadership opportunities where possible,

that reflect our students’ environmental goals for their civic lives and their academic and professional careers; and

5. The Jefferson Union High School District recognizes that there is increasing demand for a skilled workforce in the clean energy and sustainability sectors, and that the Jefferson Union high School District can help meet this demand by providing enriched learning opportunities for our students to prepare for careers in these emerging and important fields; and
6. The Governing Board of the Jefferson Union High School District recommends that the provisions of this resolution be reviewed within 12 to 18 months of the date it is passed – by October 2025 or sooner – to evaluate the progress that the Jefferson Union High School District has made in achieving the goals set forth herein, and to determine what additional steps should be taken to achieve and build on the goals outlined in this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this second day of April 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

President, Board of Trustees

Superintendent/Board Secretary

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson Union High School District at a regular meeting held on April 2, 2024.

Clerk, Board of Trustees