



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 10.2

Meeting Date: June 6, 2024

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3419: Sustainable Waste

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Youth Development Support Services

Recommendation: Approve Sustainable Waste Resolution No. 3419

Background/Rationale: Time is of the essence and the climate change actions taken from now until 2030 will have profound repercussions for today's children and future generations. This student-led resolution seeks to further enhance the district's environmental sustainability efforts, specifically food waste reduction and recycling efforts.

Financial Considerations: N/A

LCAP Goal(s): Youth Voice

Documents Attached:

1. Sustainable Waste Resolution No. 3419

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 Minutes

Submitted by: Manpreet Kaur and the Student Advisory Council

Approved by: Lisa Allen, Superintendent

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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RESOLUTION NO. 3419

Sustainable Waste

WHEREAS, time is of the essence and the actions taken from now to 2030 will have profound repercussions for today's children as adults and future generations;

WHEREAS, in 2021, the National Association of School Psychologists passed a resolution declaring that climate change negatively impacts the mental health of youth and asserts climate change education as a key factor to support student agency, self-efficacy, and resilience;

WHEREAS, a 2021 study indicated that 75% of youth are frightened about their future due to the climate crisis, more than 45%, said their feelings about climate change negatively affect their daily life and functioning, and 64% said governments are not doing enough to avoid a climate catastrophe;

WHEREAS, today's children and youth, despite being least responsible for the causes of climate change, will confront its adverse impacts throughout their lifetimes, including hazards to their physical and mental health and impediments on their opportunities to thrive and prosper, and as it is the duty of today's adult generations, and our particular charge as educators and mentors, to prepare students to meet and surmount these challenges;

WHEREAS, Sacramento Unified School District has committed to environmentally-focused Board Policies 3511, 3514, 3514.1, 6142.5, and 7110;

WHEREAS, school districts that plan and actively adapt to the impacts of climate change, both in their operations and in their educational programs, are better able to support students, as well as families and communities, to adapt and build resilience in response to climate-related experiences, and to teach climate science and provide meaningful student engagement with climate-related concepts, dilemmas, and solutions;

WHEREAS, the Student Advisory Council will work to send out surveys to continue to gauge student concerns across all school sites;

WHEREAS, single-use plastics contribute to environmental pollution;

WHEREAS, the availability of compostable bioplastics has exponentially increased,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, our district commits to continuous efforts to source practical and sustainable alternatives to the current single-use plastic utensils and supplies for the district to pursue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as of 2024, Sacramento City Unified School District is fully committed to developing a plan highlighting reducing the use of single-use plastics. The district shall actively seek alternatives to single-use plastics throughout all district departments. The district shall promote the use of reusable, biodegradable, or recyclable materials to minimize plastic waste.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sacramento City Unified School District will actively seek partnerships with local governments, community organizations, and other educational institutions to enhance environmental sustainability efforts. The district shall collaborate on environmental initiatives, share best practices, and participate in regional efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the school board in conjunction with the Student Advisory Council works with all appropriate departments, especially Nutrition Services and Facilities, to require the development and subsequent implementation of waste reduction, recycling, and organics recycling programs across all school campuses by 2027, aiming to significantly minimize waste generation en route to achieve zero waste goals, promote responsible resource management, and make substantial reductions to greenhouse gas emissions from waste.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the school board in conjunction with the Student Advisory Council shall continue to regularly research solutions to sustainable goals, perform cost estimates based on the implementation of green policies, and establish new policies to improve the environmental standing of the school district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sacramento City Unified School District, by 2026, is committed to devising metrics and establishing a way to measure waste production to increase transparency at the district level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the district shall establish specific waste diversion goals for daily school site activities. The Sacramento City Unified School District shall set targets for reducing solid waste generation and increasing recycling and food diversion rates. The district shall regularly assess progress toward these goals and adjust waste management programs accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Sacramento City Unified School District shall establish a student-led task force to review, devise, and implement new, existing, or planned environmental education initiatives, sustainability programs, climate action plans, or other activities within the district or community in collaboration with the appropriate stakeholders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that district Nutrition Services, by 2027, is committed to increasing the aggregate amount of all remaining waste, including foodware, that goes to compost; and maximizing preparation of freshly prepared food, optimizing synergy between school sites and the Central Kitchen, using produce and ingredients that are locally sourced and minimally processed or packaged.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the school board affirms its commitment to advancing waste reduction and recycling efforts. The Superintendent shall continue to mandate a waste reduction and recycling program across all school campuses, continuing to adhere to principles of sustainable school operations, and in line with applicable environmental regulations. The program shall be designed to minimize waste generation, enhance resource efficiency, and reduce the environmental impact of waste disposal.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the passing of this resolution will augment the district's commitment to sustainability and increase the environmental standing of our society.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 6th day of June, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

ATTESTED TO:

Lavinia Grace Phillips
President of the Board of Education

Lisa Allen
Secretary of the Board of Education