

## **McFarland School District 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 impact negatively 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 will annually set future renewable energy reduction goals in conjunction with the MHS Student Eco-club by January 31st.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, MSD will reduce net landfill waste annually per student by working with the MHS Student Eco-club to develop strategies annually by January 31st, focusing specifically on the cafeteria and classrooms;

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 in the MHS Eco-Club to develop new initiatives and or leadership groups that help to foster a better future for our current and future students. These groups will meet at least twice a year to update goals and strategies.