

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Support for the Development of a San Diego Unified Climate Action Plan (CAP) in Alignment with the City of San Diego Climate Action Plan

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, climate change is becoming an increasing threat to human existence both globally and locally, and as a community we must take immediate action to find a way to protect the health of our students and employees and our quality of life now and in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has identified climate change as a children's issue and on December 9, 2014, the San Diego Unified Board of Education adopted a resolution in support of the PTA Climate Change Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, at the February 10, 2015 San Diego Unified School District Board meeting, the Board committed to develop a San Diego Unified Climate Action Plan (CAP) aligned with the City of San Diego CAP; and

**WHEREAS**, San Diego Unified plans to partner with the City of San Diego on a Feasibility Study of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) as an option to help achieve the goal of 100 percent renewable energy; and

**WHEREAS**, electricity rates have increased 49.1 percent since 2009 and Community Choice Energy may offer a solution by allowing local and publicly accountable control of energy decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, San Diego Unified's Sustainability Action Plans, "Dream Big Solutions for a Sustainable Future" are being developed to help reduce the District's environmental footprint with a goal towards net zero waste; and

**WHEREAS**, San Diego Unified continues to work on solar energy installations, LED lighting conversions, maximizing water conservation, purchasing local produce and other foods, establishing and joining large purchasing cooperatives, improving transportation sustainability, and supports the use of school gardens; and

**WHEREAS**, San Diego Unified is working to embed sustainability education for students and employees into everyday teaching and learning.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District supports the development of a San Diego Unified CAP in alignment with the *overall goals of the* City of San Diego CAP *to achieve 100 percent renewable energy by 2035, provide walkable and bikeable neighborhoods for all residents, provide local control and build-out of citywide clean energy programs, create robust, reliable and affordable mass transit options, create high-quality careers with skilled training for local residents, and include a revised, strengthened commitment to prioritize investments in neighborhoods that are hit "first and worst" by climate impacts.*

Adopted and approved by the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District at a regular meeting held on the 14th of July 2015.