
**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Meeting Date:

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3419: Sustainable Waste

- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated:)
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 Action
 Public Hearing

Division:

Recommendation:

Background/Rationale:

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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 amount of waste generated in the district 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.

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