

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-21-09:
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, since its incorporation in 1908, the City of Albany has a long tradition of environmental activism;

WHEREAS, the City of Albany and the Albany Unified School District work closely together as each school campus serves not only as a center for education, but also as a gathering place and a focal point for the community around it;

WHEREAS, students and staff are entitled to a safe and healthy school environment, and studies have indicated that student achievement is greater and attendance higher, and teacher and staff retention is improved, when the learning environment is naturally comfortable and well maintained;

WHEREAS, the District's Facilities, Custodial, and Transportation programs within the City of Albany, should be in alignment with the Climate Action goals and objectives of the City of Albany General Plan;

WHEREAS, the District should employ a facilities maintenance program that will maximize operating efficiency while minimizing operating costs, in particular for energy and water use, while addressing environmental concerns;

WHEREAS, the District should employ a facilities maintenance program that monitors and addresses air quality issues at all school sites;

WHEREAS, the District should employ a Green Cleaning Custodial Program that utilizes environmentally-sensitive products that promote a healthy and safe learning environment;

WHEREAS, the District should employ a district vehicle fleet program that strives to reduce the emissions that contribute to climate change and smog, improves public health and reduces ecological damage.

WHEREAS, the District should contribute to our community's environment by reducing waste in promoting recycling and composting programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany Unified School District Board of Education recognizes the District's responsibility to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and will direct the Maintenance and Operations Department to employ a Facilities Maintenance program, Green Cleaning Custodial Program, Alternative Fuel Transportation Program, and a Waste Recycling Program, that will promote a healthy and environmentally safe learning environment throughout Albany Unified School District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs staff to develop an Environmental Purchasing Policy and a Maintenance and Operations Program for new and existing school buildings based on the Collaborative for High Performing Schools (CHPS) framework, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs staff to conduct an annual summary assessment of energy and water use in the district's buildings, to be recorded in the Maintenance and Operations Program, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, when acquiring new or replacement district fleet vehicles, the District shall establish a transportation program that will strive to pursue the acquisition of alternative fuel vehicles that benefit the health of Albany Unified School District's residents, as well as reduce ecological damage to the environment, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education endorses District participation in and directs staff to pursue partnerships that further the goal of high performance schools, including Federal, State, and utility programs that provide sustainable financial incentives within the District's Maintenance and Operations program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education combines Resolutions 2016-17-01 and 2020-21-09 to be under the responsibility of the Environmental Action Plan Committee, whose name was established and approved at the Board of Education Meeting on September 8, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Albany Unified School District on this 10th day of November 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President of the Board of Education of the
Albany Unified School District

Secretary of the Board of Education of the
Albany Unified School District