DALLAS, TEXAS

Dallas Independent School District Environment & Climate Action Resolution

OVERVIEW

ADOPTED FEB 2020

- Recognizes climate change as a "generational justice, human rights, and equity issue" and establishes measures to take action against climate change
- Commits DISD to pursuing systemic improvements in its policies and practices to enhance sustainability.
- Establishes an Environmental and Climate Committee to recommend goals and progress measures for curricular and educational opportunities, transportation, food services, and facilities and operations.

YOUTH VOICES ARE CENTRAL TO THIS RESOLUTION

TARGET AUDIENCE

The Dallas Independent School District has approximately 153,000 students that these initiatives will impact.

FUNDING

No funding is included in the resolution for these activities, but there are financial incentives for some of these green initiatives. For example, switching to 100 percent renewable energy saves the district \$1.5 million annually

COALITION

Student activists from 350Dallas, Dallas Sierra Club, and Turn DISD Green spearheaded the push for this resolution. When the resolution was presented to the board, four students testified, speaking passionately about the impacts of climate change on Dallas youth and communities. The efforts of these students led to the board's unanimous decision to pass the resolution.

IMPACT

Dallas ISD has made significant progress in reducing its carbon footprint and increasing education about its sustainability efforts. The district was also selected for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus program, giving Dallas ISD 7 million dollars to purchase a fleet of new electric buses and EV charging infrastructure.



Coalition for Climate Education Policy <u>Link to find</u> <u>more</u> information

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