

IOWA CITY, IOWA

Iowa City Community School District Resolution: Climate Change through Clean Energy, Sustainability, & Education



OVERVIEW

**ADOPTED
2019**

- Commits the Iowa City Community School District to integrate climate literacy and advocacy into its curriculum.
- Resolves to hire a consultant to analyze and develop a plan to reduce the district's GHG emissions and energy usage, and set targets to increase renewable energy usage.
- Seeks to promote recycling and energy efficiency in various aspects of the school district's operations, including facilities, transportation, and nutritional services.

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RESOLUTION**

COALITION

Driven by a passionate group of students who conducted thorough research and led impactful protests, the Iowa City Community School District received strong backing from community members who recognized the urgent need for climate action in their educational system.

FUNDING

To facilitate the implementation of this climate resolution, the district enlisted consultants from the University of Northern Iowa's Center for Energy and Environmental Education. The consultants were paid \$10,000 to conduct a comprehensive analysis of emissions and energy usage.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This resolution impacts approximately 15,000 students, staff, and faculty within the Iowa City Community School District, along with the surrounding community.

IMPACT

The Iowa City Community School District adopted ambitious GHG emission reduction targets and successfully reduced their carbon footprint by 48%. Their sustainability initiatives led to them becoming one of the 11 districts to be recognized by the US Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Program in 2023.



**Coalition for Climate
Education Policy**

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more
information**

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