

CLIMATE LEADERSHIP RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan was adopted by the City of St. Louis Park in February of 2018;

WHEREAS, the creation, adoption and implementation of the St. Louis Park Climate Action Plan was and continues to be led by youth in St. Louis Park;

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Park Public School District (the “District”) has a part to play in reducing carbon pollution from buildings given that it consumes energy, including energy from fossil fuels, and produces waste;

WHEREAS, Strategy 4 of the District’s Strategic Plan states that, “We will ensure that our facilities are consistent with the needs of our learners and our community,” and the District and its Facilities Manager have made commitments to run on cleaner energy to improve public health and to help tackle climate change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the St. Louis Park Public Schools hereby adopts as a goal for school district facilities those relevant goals laid out in the St. Louis Park Climate Action Plan that can be reasonably achieved, consistent with the law, the District’s mission, beliefs, strategic plan and fiscal responsibilities, including;

- Net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040,
- 100% renewable electricity from renewable sources such as wind and solar,
- Reducing solid waste 50% by 2030,
- Reducing vehicle emissions 25% by 2030,
- Reducing energy usage 30% in school district facilities by 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of St. Louis Park Public Schools calls for the District to commit to a continuation of the partnership between the student body (including the Roots and Shoots Club) and the District in reaching its climate goals and exploring further opportunities to improve the St. Louis Park School District’s systems and facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of St. Louis Park Public Schools asks our Superintendent to take appropriate action to ensure that the District’s operational and educational undertakings reasonably reflect the Board’s commitment to environmental and climate leadership.

Introduced on _____, 2019 by:

Adopted and approved by the Board of Education of the St. Louis Park School District on _____, 2019.