

LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Resolution No. 22-04
In Support of Earth Day, Climate Action,
Environmental Literacy and Sustainability

WHEREAS, each year people from around the globe celebrate Earth Day, the environmental movement to raise awareness of the health of our shared planet; and

WHEREAS, climate crisis will result in rising sea levels, drought, extreme weather events, massive relocation, food and water insecurity, which will threaten all children, but particularly children in vulnerable populations in communities without resources to adapt to such challenges or relocate away from them; and

WHEREAS, a critical mission of LBUSD is to develop students and graduates that are aware not just of the immediate impact of their and others' actions on themselves and their immediate environment, but also the impact of their and others' actions on vulnerable populations of the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, schools in California and nationwide have the potential to effect positive, tangible environmental change while preparing students in their careers and civic life to be stewards of their communities and the earth; and

WHEREAS, the Organic Waste Methane Emissions Reduction Act of 2021 (Senate Bill 1383) is a bill that sets goals for the state to reduce disposal of organic waste in landfills, including edible food, and provides that districts implement a composting program themselves or with their waste services provider; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards provides an opportunity for students to engage in real-world inquiry and application of science skills in understanding and addressing climate change, and the California Environmental Principles and Concepts (EP&Cs) are cross cutting concepts that touch all curricular areas and in 2016, the EP&Cs were integrated into the revised California History-Social Science and the new California Science framework; and

WHEREAS, environmental initiatives can yield benefits for our Laguna Beach community such as safe and healthy transportation to and from school, improved air and water quality, workforce development, and set an example

for students and others as to initiatives that will have a larger impact around the country and globe; and

WHEREAS, the LBUSD Board of Education celebrates existing district sustainability initiatives such as such as organic landscape management, natural organic pest control, energy conservation and efficiency, school gardens, Laguna Beach High School FLOW project, real-world problem solving including Rocket Ready Projects, and commends Top of the World Elementary, which won a Green Ribbon Award in 2018, the highest achievement given to schools by the U.S. Department of Education for excellence in resource efficiency, health and wellness, and environmental and sustainability education; and

WHEREAS, the LBUSD Board of Education adopted BP 3510, Green School Operations on September 9, 2021, and has introduced Board Policy 6142.5, Environmental Education for review and approval;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to establish an Environmental Literacy and Sustainability task force by September 1, 2022, and endeavors to connect with outside entities to evaluate and communicate the district's current sustainability and environmental literacy practices and identify additional opportunities for growth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with the passage of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2016 (Senate Bill 32), the Board of Education recognizes the importance of striving to achieve annual reductions in carbon emissions produced through district operations such as transportation, buildings, waste and food, with the goal to be carbon neutral by 2030; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the superintendent will continue to work with staff to identify opportunities within our curriculum and courses of study to enhance and increase environmental literacy in all grade levels, to purchase, develop, offer and provide additional professional development learning opportunities, and identify ways to increase sustainability efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education supports the Superintendent's continued engagement in partnerships with student clubs, Laguna Beach city government, families, business leaders, and nonprofits as appropriate, to promote climate education in our classrooms, sustainable practices in district operations, and to support efforts in making Laguna Beach more environmentally friendly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, staff will provide an annual report to the Board of Education on the progress of sustainability and environmental literacy in LBUSD, which will also include the next steps to build on the goals outlined in this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Laguna Beach Unified School Board of Education on this 19th day of April 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: 5 Normandin, Osborne, Kelly, Perry, Vickers

NOES: 0

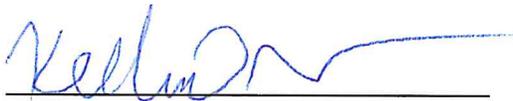
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ABSTAIN: 0

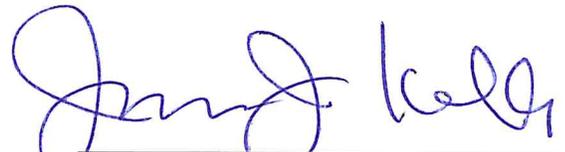
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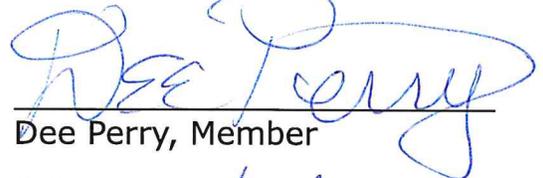
Carol Normandin, President



Kelly Osborne, Clerk



Jim Kelly, Member



Dee Perry, Member



Jan Vickers, Member