

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution #24-12

EARTH DAY, APRIL 22, 2024

WHEREAS, Environmental groups have sought to make Earth Day a day of action to change human behavior, prompt policy changes, initiate environmental reform, promote ecology and the respect for life on the planet as well as to encourage awareness of the growing problems of air, water and soil pollution; and

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day celebration was held on April 22, 1970; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is: "**Planet vs. Plastics**", which advocates for widespread awareness on the health risk of plastics, and encourages individuals, businesses, and governments to take actions such as eliminating single-use plastics, saying no to straws, plastic bags, utensils, and water bottles; and

WHEREAS, according to EarthDay.org, "Gen Z is providing inspiration, with 45% having stopped purchasing certain brands because of ethical or sustainability concerns."; and

WHEREAS, schools have the potential to create positive, and substantial environmental change in the world while teaching students to be stewards of their communities, the earth, and its resources; and

WHEREAS, ECHS's Ecology Club serves "To educate students on the importance of the environment by focusing on conservation of the unique ecosystems of El Camino High School, the Bay Area, and California."; and


WHEREAS, SSFHS's Earth Club has created an outdoor learning space with gardens, manages the school's recycling program, participates in the annual clean-ups, and lobbies lawmakers to support NGOs to fight climate change; and

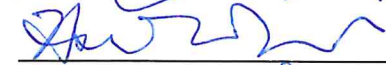
WHEREAS, District staff and several SSFUSD schools are focused on efforts to beautify campuses with gardening projects, recycling efforts, and waste management; and

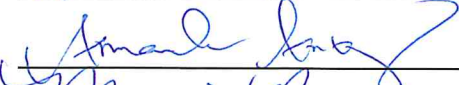
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South San Francisco Unified School District Board of Trustees hereby recognizes the efforts to continue a global movement which embraces nature and its values, to adopt measures which increase conservation and sustainability, and to nurture a respect for the environment in all students, during Earth Day 2024.

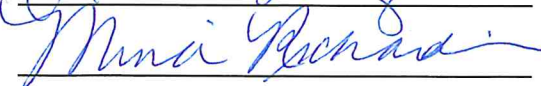
REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of April 2024.


AYES in Favor of Said Resolution











ATTEST:



Secretary/Clerk of the Board



Superintendent of Schools