

Taking Action on Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change

Everett PTSA Council Proposed Resolution

Climate Change and PTA

- ▶ Climate change and environmentally damaging activities disproportionately affect children and socially vulnerable populations
- ▶ Schools are climate change contributors **and** environmental sustainability leaders
- ▶ PTA advocates for the well-being of children
- ▶ PTA advocates for equity-focused strategies

Children at Unique Risk for Impact

- Increased risk due to size and biological maturity
- Increased exposure via time outside, nature of activities



PTA Positions on Climate Change

National PTA [supports environmental sustainability laws](#), regulations, and programs.

WA State PTA is [committed to mitigating the health impacts](#) of climate change.



WHAT DOES THE PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTION SAY?

Rationale

- ▶ Climate change is an urgent issue, disproportionately impacting children and socially vulnerable populations
- ▶ WA state and OSPI are taking action with legislation and programs
- ▶ Everett School District has taken some actions toward sustainability
- ▶ School districts contribute to climate change and pollution, but can also be sustainability leaders
- ▶ Sustainability actions in schools can lead to cost-savings, improved health and well-being, and increased student achievement and creativity

Commitment

- ▶ Create a sustainability position at the council level, in order to:
 - Make a plan to adopt sustainability strategies
 - Support local PTAs in implementing sustainability committees and programs
- ▶ Encourage Everett School District to:
 - Establish a dedicated sustainability leadership position
 - Establish an inclusive sustainability workgroup
 - Develop a sustainability action and implementation plan
- ▶ Center communities most impacted by climate change

Why adopt a resolution?

- ⚙️ **Resolutions communicate a collective council stance**
- ⚙️ **Resolutions guide advocacy and action**
- ⚙️ **Resolutions indicate a strong level of commitment**



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