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Climate Literacy Resolution Introduced at LAUSD Board of Education Meeting

Los Angeles, California (1/25/22)—The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education introduced the Climate Literacy resolution (Res-016-21/22) during its January 25th board meeting (<https://boe.lausd.net/01-25-22SpclBdCharter>). The Resolution aims to enact a comprehensive Climate Education Program for LAUSD schools in order to help resolve the escalating climate crisis that’s increasingly endangering Los Angeles, the nation, and the planet.

Board members Mr. Scott Schmerelson, Dr. George McKenna, and Ms. Jackie Goldberg cosponsored the resolution, which is scheduled for vote at the February 8th board meeting. The Resolution originated from the Climate Curricula Committee, which is affiliated with the Los Angeles chapter of former Vice President Al Gore’s Climate Reality Project (CRP-LA).

“The introduction of the Resolution is an excellent first step,” says the Committee’s chairperson Lucy Garcia. “And passing the Resolution at the board meeting on February 8th will allow Los Angeles to join the growing ranks that have already passed important measures to adopt critical climate education in schools, like Berkeley, Oakland, Santa Clara County, and New Jersey have done.”

About the Climate Literacy Resolution

The goal of the Committee’s ambitious Resolution is to establish funding for the staffing and training that will allow teachers and students to develop the necessary understanding about the climate crisis and the skills they require to help them better prosper now and in the future, as well as be better prepared to enter the changing workforce and economy needed to solve the climate crisis. The Program greatly improves climate education in schools by integrating climate learning and climate justice into all subject matter across all grades (preschool to 12th grade).

About the Climate Curricula Committee

Formed in April 2021 by retired LAUSD science teacher Lucy Garcia, the Climate Curricula Committee is a team of students, community members, climate communication specialists, teachers, and other educators who combined have well over a hundred years of service working with LAUSD.

Visit www.laclimatereality.org/lausd-resolution to read the Committee’s resolution in full and www.laclimatereality.org/climatecurricula for more info about the Committee.

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