

SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution to Establish Goals for Sustainability, Clean Energy, & Carbon Neutrality



OVERVIEW

**ADOPTED
JUNE 2020**

- Commits to reducing the school district's energy consumption and encourages the pursuit of outside funding and community partnerships.
- Establishes goals to become 100 % clean, renewable energy by 2030 and a 100% carbon-neutral school district by 2040.
- Forms a Sustainability Leadership Task Force to develop a Sustainability Action Plan that focuses on several action areas such as sustainability education, waste reduction, energy-saving initiatives, and sustainable buildings.

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TO THIS
RESOLUTION**

COALITION

Students from Salt Lake City School District's (SLCSD) 3 major high schools collaborated to create a Sustainability Resolution that was presented to and adopted by the Salt Lake City Board of Education. They collaborated with Utah Sierra Club, and Sierra Club's Climate Parents program to distribute a petition that was signed by 800 students, parents, and staff.

FUNDING

The school board approved a \$29.5 million Guaranteed Energy Saving Performance Contract (GESPC) and creative funding plan along with a Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase agreement which allows utility savings to pay of the capital project costs. Funds were used to install solar energy, retrofit LED lighting, improve water conservation, and pilot 2 electrification projects at elementary schools.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The Salt Lake City community and SLCSD'S approximately 20,000 students and staff will be impacted by this resolution.

IMPACT

SLCSD is the first school district in Utah to propose a resolution of this nature. The GESPC and implementation of energy and water saving measures will reduce emissions by 25% and annual utility expenses by more than \$1 million. The Action Plan provides a path to create STEM opportunities and advance climate solutions.



**Coalition for Climate
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