

# EUGENE, OR

## Eugene School District 4J Climate Change Resolution in 2019 transforms into a 5-year Climate Action Plan



### OVERVIEW

**RESOLUTION  
2019-14**

**ADOPTED  
5/1/19**

- Prioritizes collaboration with city, county, and state partners to reach sustainability goals, particularly around transportation, food systems, and decarbonization
- In 2020, Eugene created their Climate Action Plan 2.0, with a goal to reduce community fossil fuel use by 50% of 2010 levels by 2030.
- Eugene 4J School District served on the Eugene Climate Collaborative (ECC) to identify realistic and mutually agreed-upon commitments to address climate change.

**YOUTH AND  
COMMUNITY  
VOICE ARE  
CENTRAL TO  
THIS  
RESOLUTION**

### COALITION

Eugene, OR, has a deep history of climate activism and youth engagement. School board and community members were key advocates. Through educator and student voice and city partners, the resolution has become more action-oriented and led us to a city-wide Climate Action Plan that is well on its way to being implemented.

### FUNDING

In 2018, Eugene voters approved over \$314M in bond funding for 4J Schools. This has led to numerous energy efficiency and building shell improvements being funded across the system. New construction projects feature state-of-the-art energy-efficient design and green building features. Grants will be integral in funding future initiatives.

### TARGET AUDIENCE

Nearly 16,000 students in grades K-12 attend 4J schools, which include 19 elementary school programs, eight middle schools, four comprehensive high schools, and alternative high school programs. 4J staff, families, and the surrounding community also experience the impact of these climate and sustainability priorities put into practice.

### IMPACT

This two-pronged approach updates facilities and integrates climate education into existing curriculum, holistically guiding the district's decision-making. 4J diverts food waste into commercial composting at all 33 district schools and has made investments in higher-efficiency buses and alternative modes of transportation via the Safe Routes to School program.



**Coalition for Climate  
Education Policy**

**Link to find  
more  
information**

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