

A Resolution of the California Association of School Psychologists

WHEREAS, we believe America is a great nation and has proud heritage of addressing humanity's most pressing problems;

WHEREAS, we believe it is important to advocate for climate action leading to climate restoration to curtail this threat facing communities throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that local, state, and national climate policies should be guided by the best available science; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that human activities, contributing to increases in greenhouse gas emissions, are a significant cause of climate change; and,

WHEREAS, children represent a particularly vulnerable group because greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere will potentially impact our current and future students throughout their biological, psychological, academic and social development; and,

WHEREAS, more than 29 school boards and student councils in California, Colorado, New York, Virginia, and Nevada have passed non-partisan climate action resolutions;

WHEREAS, in 2015 the California PTA has declared climate change a children's issue;

WHEREAS, the global impact, and magnitude of the challenge of addressing climate change calls for leadership in our society, institutions and elected leaders; and,

WHEREAS, national and state elected leaders working in a bipartisan fashion to enact carbon pricing policies could substantially reduce human-made greenhouse gas emissions, thereby protecting our current and future students;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT, the California Association of School Psychologists calls on Congress to take effective action on climate change to protect current and future students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors transmit official copies of this resolution to the following: Association of California School Administrators, California School Boards Association, the California State Board of Education, the National Association of School Psychologists, the Pupil Services Coalition and the Schools for Climate Action campaign.

Approved on this 13th day of March 2019 by the CASP Board of Directors