

RESOLUTION REGARDING RENEWABLE ENERGY

TREDYFFRIN/EASTTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

#11-22-2021

WHEREAS, scientific consensus indicates that the climate crisis poses urgent and growing risks to our community, such as increased risk of extreme rainfall that overwhelms our stormwater management infrastructure and more extreme temperatures that require additional heating and cooling; and

WHEREAS, scientific consensus indicates that human activities--primarily the burning of fossil fuels--significantly exacerbate climate change and pollution through the emission of greenhouse gases, particulate matter, and other pollutants; and

WHEREAS, scientific consensus concludes that the use of renewable energy is significantly less damaging to the environment and community health than fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with national, state, and local patterns of passing sustainability measures, the Chester County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution No. 45-07 in 2007, which established a vested public interest in addressing environmental issues that stem from emissions; and

WHEREAS, in the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District's District Level Goals for the 2021-2022 school year, the Board committed "to plan for and to provide infrastructure and sustainable resources to accommodate the District's evolving needs," a success indicator of which is that the District will have "assessed and implemented practices that promote environmental sustainability, including energy usage"; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to providing a sustainable, healthy future for its students and staff by making tangible changes to mitigate climate change, ensuring that every effort is made to conserve energy and natural resources while exercising sound financial management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tredyffrin/Easttown School Board hereby commits to strive to (1) switch the District's electricity to a 100% renewable supplier by 2025; and (2) implement renewable energy in all sectors--including heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC), cooking, and transportation--by 2040; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the District to compile and deliver an annual report detailing the District's progress towards the goals in this Resolution and other work on sustainability; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board directs the District to look for opportunities to partner with existing green community initiatives and collaborate with city, state, and federal officials to optimize the efficiency of this commitment and its impact on the community as a whole; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board directs the District to investigate cost-effective renewable energy measures and sustainability as driving priorities when embarking on any future construction projects and renovations; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the District consider ways to make academic and career connections to renewable energy, ecological sustainability, environmental health, and climate change at all grade levels.

By: _____
Board Secretary

By: _____
School Board President