



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.3

**Meeting Date:** April 27, 2023

**Subject:** Approve Resolution No. 3313: Resolution to Recognize Earth Day 2023

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

**Division:** Facility Support Services

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No. 3313: Resolution to Recognize Earth Day 2023.

**Background/Rationale:** April 22, 2023 has been designated as Earth Day where events will be held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection and addressing issues of climate change. The Sacramento City Unified School District has taken significant measures to support green school practices, energy efficiency, healthy school nutrition programs, and waste diversion/reduction. The Resolution recognizes the importance of the continued implementation and expansion of district-wide efforts to address climate change.

**Financial Considerations:** None

**LCAP Goal(s):** College, Career and Life Ready Graduates; Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students; Family and Community Engagement; Operational Excellence

**Documents Attached:**

1. Resolution No. 3313

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** 5 minutes

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**Approved by:** Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 3313**

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE EARTH DAY 2023**

**WHEREAS**, April 22, 2023 is Earth Day and events will be held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection and addressing issues of climate change;

**WHEREAS**, schools have the potential to make positive, tangible environmental change in the world while teaching students to be stewards of their communities, the Earth, and its resources;

**WHEREAS**, schools expend considerable environmental and financial resources on energy, water, refuse services, and custodial and office supplies, and have a considerable opportunity through their purchasing power to improve both the environment and their financial bottom line;

**WHEREAS**, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC), the world's most authoritative scientific body on climate change, stated in its 2023 report that the world must rapidly shift away from burning fossil fuels — the number one cause of the climate crisis.

**WHEREAS**, California Executive Order B-55-18 outlines the State's goal of carbon neutrality by no later than 2045 and to achieve and maintain net negative emissions thereafter;

**WHEREAS**, CAL FIRE currently has a grant opportunity to create green schoolyards to protect the health, well-being, and educational opportunity of children most vulnerable to increasing temperatures and extreme heat across California.

**WHEREAS**, climate change is a social justice and equity issue. While climate change impacts all people and disproportionately impacts all young people and future generations, it disproportionately affects people of color and people in poverty, thereby exacerbating existing inequities and limiting equality of opportunity;

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento City Unified School District is focused on making schools more resilient to the effects of climate change through the intentional design and replacement of facilities and components;

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento City Unified School District works to promote programs and partnerships across the District in an effort to educate students and the community, protect the environment and natural habitat that surrounds us, and become more environmentally resilient for the changing environment;

**WHEREAS**, the global impact, urgency, and magnitude of the challenge of addressing climate change calls for leadership in all sectors of society, all institutions and among all elected leaders; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education does hereby recognize April 22, 2023, as Earth Day and supports the important work and services provided by Sacramento City Unified School District staff, schools, and partners.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in recognition that the Sacramento City Unified School District can be part of the climate change solution by reducing emissions and promoting environmental stewardship, the Board

of Education will:

1. Continue the implementation and expansion of the district-wide efforts to improve the energy efficiency and reduce fossil fuel usage at schools.
2. Assure that new buildings and retrofits to existing buildings use environmentally sensitive building materials, as well as efficient use of energy, water, and other resources.
3. Adopt energy and carbon goals and guidelines for District buildings in a subsequent meeting before the end of the current fiscal year.
4. Adopt sustainable landscaping practices that reduce water use and storm water runoff, minimize chemical inputs, provide habitat for native flora and fauna, and support outdoor learning education.
5. Apply for the CAL FIRE green schoolyards grant, which will center nature-based climate solutions to improve the environmental conditions and experiences for our most vulnerable students.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 27th day of April 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Chinua Rhodes  
 President of the Board of Education

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 Jorge A. Aguilar  
 Secretary of the Board of Education

