

Resolution on High Performance School Facilities
Los Angeles Unified School District
Board of Education
Adopted 2/13/01

Whereas, Students learn best in an environment that is comfortable, healthy, naturally lit and well maintained, and studies have indicated that student achievement is greater and attendance higher when these conditions are met;

Whereas, Most of Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) schools are in need of renovation to reach this standard of comfort and efficiency, and over 150 new schools must be constructed during the next 5-10 years to accommodate the growing number of students served by the District;

Whereas, Schools spend a substantial amount on energy costs each year, and studies show that energy costs for new facilities can be reduced by 25 percent;

Whereas, Building or renovating a school provides a unique opportunity to move beyond standard designs to create school facilities whose tangible benefits have been measured in the form of increased student attendance, higher test scores, reduced operating costs, elevated teacher and staff retention, and an improved indoor environment by providing cleaner air, better acoustics, and natural light;

Whereas, An integrated design approach can often take advantage of energy savings that become feasible when the interaction between separate building elements, such as windows, lighting, and mechanical systems are considered; and

Whereas, The Blue Ribbon Citizens' Oversight Committee in Resolution No. 2000-4 on September 27, 2000, recommended to the Board of Education that it mandate the development of comprehensive sustainable design criteria and the necessary implementation infrastructure for the construction of new and renovation of existing LAUSD schools and campuses; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles support the recommendations included in Resolutions No 2000-4 of the Blue Ribbon Citizens' Committee, and directs the head of the Facilities Division, in consultation with the Director of Environmental Health and Safety, to develop more resource efficient design criteria for use in the construction of new schools and the renovation of existing District schools and campuses; and be it

Resolved further, That the design criteria will be developed in consultation with the Collaborative for High Performance Schools and include such measures as site orientation, energy efficient envelope, lighting, and space conditioning; water efficiency; waste management; material resource efficiency; and heat island mitigation measures; and be it finally

Resolved, That no later than 90 days after the adoption of this Resolution, staff present to the Board of Education a recommended High Performance Building Design and Implementation Plan including specific cost-benefit data, performance measures and a performance tracking mechanism to ensure the effective implementation of these measures.