



**ADDITIONAL DATA:**

Additional data is available for review in the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services and Support.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:**

None.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend adoption.

CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution on Sustainable Design )  
and Construction of Energy Efficient )  
(High Performance) Schools )

On motion of Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_, the following resolution is adopted:

WHEREAS, students and staff are entitled to a safe and healthy school environment, and studies have indicated that student achievement is greater and attendance higher, and teacher and staff retention is improved, when the learning environment is naturally lit, comfortable, and well maintained; and

WHEREAS, schools should employ design, construction, and operation strategies that minimize operating costs, in particular for energy and water use, as studies show that new facility energy costs can be reduced by 25 percent or more; and

WHEREAS, schools that follow sustainable design principles can contribute to the community's environment by minimizing waste and air and water pollution; and

WHEREAS, the District's program to build new schools and renovate existing ones provides a unique opportunity to move beyond standard designs; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) has developed comprehensive design criteria based on the latest available information on sustainable school design, construction, and operation; and

WHEREAS, schools designed to meet the CHPS criteria incorporate environmental features that provide a context for learning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Chula Vista Elementary School District recognizes the progress already made by the District's staff and design teams to incorporate sustainable design criteria into the District's school construction program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education directs staff to expand this effort to ensure that every future new school construction and modernization project should incorporate CHPS criteria from the beginning of the design process to the extent feasible, that the next round of construction projects meets or exceeds the CHPS qualifying criteria, and that the focus be on meeting criteria in the following priority areas:

1. Improving student performance and staff health through measures such as day lighting, the use of nontoxic-emitting materials, and sound insulation or isolation to minimize noise and enhance classroom acoustical quality.
2. Operating cost minimization through resource efficiency.
3. Minimizing the impact of District operations on the environment.
4. Taking advantage of financial incentive programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education directs staff to follow the CHPS roadmap and scorecard to ensure the efficient and complete implementation of CHPS, including creating a performance tracking system to ensure the effective implementation of the CHPS criteria throughout design, construction, and operation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education endorses District participation in and directs staff to pursue partnerships that further the goal of energy efficient schools, including federal, state, and utility programs that provide sustainable design financial incentives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education directs staff, during the design phase of the remaining projects in the current construction and modernization program and all such future projects, to require architects and staff to verify that District projects have met or exceeded the minimum requirements for CHPS certification and report the scores for all of the CHPS categories.

