

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF HARRIS §

WHEREAS, the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes that 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;

WHEREAS, Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District schools should employ design, construction and operation strategies that minimize operating costs, in particular for energy and water use;

WHEREAS, Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District facilities that follow sustainable design principles can contribute to our community's environment by minimizing waste and air and water pollution;

WHEREAS, Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District program to build new schools and renovate existing schools provides a unique opportunity to move beyond standard designs;

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

WHEREAS, Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District schools designed to meet the CHPS criteria incorporate environmental features that provide a context for learning.

WHEREAS, the District will be building new schools and renovating existing schools and facilities which provide a unique opportunity to create state of the art facilities in support of teaching and learning, reduced operating costs, elevated teacher and staff retention, and an improved indoor environment by providing cleaner air, better acoustics, and natural light; and

WHEREAS, the principles and driving factors when considering materials and equipment for sustainable design includes the application of low-impact materials, energy efficiency, quality, durability, maintainability and lifecycle costs; and

WHEREAS, sustainable design reduces the impact to the environment by promoting responsible use of resources which is environmentally friendly to the surrounding community and will positively impact the District and its constituents in the future; and

IT IS THEREFORE:

RESOLVED, that the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District hereby adopts the Texas Collaborative for High Performance Schools (TX-CHPS) criteria to the extent feasible, to be used in designing, building, renovating and operating schools in the District.

RESOLVED further that the Board of Trustees of the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District hereby recognizes the progress already made by the district staff and design teams to incorporate sustainable design criteria into the District's school construction program; and

RESOLVED further, that the Board of Trustees of the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District encourages staff to follow 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 through design, construction and operation; and

RESOLVED further, that the Board of Trustees of the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District endorses District participation in and encourages staff to pursue partnerships that further the goal of high performance schools, including Federal, State and utility programs that provide sustainable design financial incentives, and

RESOLVED further, that the design criteria developed in consultation with CHPS and including such measures as site orientation, energy efficient envelope, lighting, and space conditioning; water efficiency; waste management; material resource efficiency shall be considered for utilization to the maximum extent possible by staff and architects in the design development of construction and modernization projects based on the unique scope of each site.

RESOLVED further, that the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Board of Trustees encourages staff to continue to expand this effort to ensure every new school, new building and major modernization project to the extent feasible, from the beginning of the design process, meet or exceed minimum eligibility under the CHPS Criteria and incorporate to the extent feasible, CHPS best practices including sustainable design practices; and that the focus be on criteria in the following priority areas:

1. Student performance and staff health through measures such as daylighting, use of non-toxic 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. Participation in financial incentive programs for increased energy efficiency

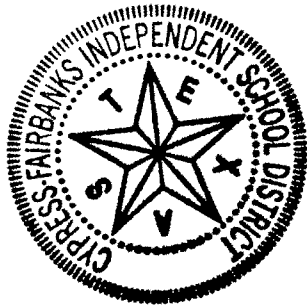
RESOLVED further, that the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Board of Trustees authorizes the district to join the ranks of other proactive and visionary school districts in the state of Texas and the nation and directs staff to join CHPS and include Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District as an active and participating member.


CERTIFICATE FOR RESOLUTION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented to the Board of Trustees of the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District during a regularly scheduled meeting on May 14th, 2012. A quorum of the Board of Trustees being then present, it was then duly moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted, and such resolution was then adopted according to the following vote:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 1

To certify which, witness my hand and the official seal of the District this 14th day of **May**, 2012.





President, Board of Trustees