

RESOLUTION to establish goals on sustainability, renewable energy, and carbon neutrality for the Eau Claire Area School District

WHEREAS, the City Council of Eau Claire and the County of Eau Claire have adopted policy to guide a sustainable and environmentally friendly development process for our community, with ambitious goals to achieve carbon neutrality and renewable energy independence by year 2050;

WHEREAS, the Eau Claire Area School District has assumed its responsibility and already started to implement efficient, environmentally friendly practices in its buildings and maintenance projects, and to reduce fossil fuel use in its transportation practices;

WHEREAS, the Eau Claire Area School District understands that the need to cut back on the amount of waste sent to the landfill has a long-term financial interest to our community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eau Claire Area School District builds immediately into the future facilities plan mandatory standards for the use of renewable materials, water efficiency, energy efficiency, recycling, and renewable energy projects;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administration develops a strategy and timetable for increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects based on the recommendations and advice from subject-matter experts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administration identifies grants and other external, extraordinary funding resources to assist in our efforts to implement major energy efficient improvements, including solar energy, beginning in 2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eau Claire Area School District establishes goals to meet 50% of all district operations energy needs with renewable energy by 2035, 75% by 2040, and 100% by 2050.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eau Claire Area School District adopts a zero-waste philosophy, identifies and implements sustainable practices throughout its campuses, and develops a waste infrastructure that includes compost, recycling and e-waste recycling to instill a culture of sustainability in all its members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administration of the Eau Claire Area School District explores ways to encourage its providers of goods and services to change processes enough to make service reception and product disposal a healthy, simple and eco-friendly process.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being all members of the School Board for the Eau Claire Area School District, have executed this resolution this 21st day of October, 2019.

Dr. Eric D. Torres, President

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