

Lake Tahoe Unified School District
Board of Education

Resolution No. 2008/09-01
Resolution on Sustainability & the Design and Construction of
High Performance Schools

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;

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, for example, can be reduced by 25 percent or more;

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake Tahoe Unified School District Board of Education 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs staff to expand this effort to ensure that every new school, new relocatable classroom, new building and modernization project, from the beginning of the design process, incorporate CHPS criteria and best practices to the extent feasible, including operations, maintenance and minor modernizations; that the next round of construction projects minimally meet the CHPS qualifying criteria and that the focus be on criteria in the following priority areas:

- student performance and staff health through measures such as daylighting and the use of non toxic-emitting materials,
- operating cost minimization, through resource efficiency, and
- minimizing the impact of District operations on the environment.

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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education endorses District participation in and directs 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;


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 their District project(s) have met or exceeded the minimum requirements for CHPS certification, and report the scores for all of the CHPS categories; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education directs staff to report to the Board, within 60 days of the passage of this resolution, on the District's plan to comply with this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs staff to report to the Board annually on the progress of this program, and provide quarterly summary statistics on the number of new schools and modernization projects designed and the percentage which have incorporated CHPS design criteria, and other statistics useful in assessing the progress of this effort.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Lake Tahoe Unified School District, County of El Dorado, State of California, this 26th day of August, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: David, Doyle, Green, Novasel
NOES: None
ABSENT: Swanson
ABSTAIN: None


Sue Novasel Angela Swanson
PRESIDENT Clerk of the Board