

**Mill Valley School District**  
Resolution #06-09/10

**Resolution on Sustainability and the Design and Construction  
of High Performance Schools**

September 16, 2009

**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;

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

**WHEREAS**, the Mill Valley School District's program to build new buildings and modernize 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 RESOLVED**, that the Mill Valley School District Governing Board recognizes the progress already made by the Facilities Master Plan Committee, 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 building and modernization project, from the beginning of the design process, incorporate CHPS criteria and best practices to the extent consistent with its educational mission; that the Measure C Bond projects address the CHPS qualifying criteria and preferably exceed the minimum criteria for all New Construction and Major Modernization Projects on existing campuses; and that in pursuing sustainable projects the focus be on criteria in the following priority areas:

1. Sustainable Site Development
2. Water Efficiency/Conservation
3. Energy Efficiency
4. Sustainable Material Use
5. Indoor Environmental Quality

and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Governing Board endorses District participation in, and directs staff to pursue, partnerships to the extent feasible 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 Governing Board directs staff to report to the Board annually on the progress of this program, and provide summary statistics on the status of Measure C Bond projects which have incorporated CHPS design criteria, and other statistics useful in assessing the progress of this effort.

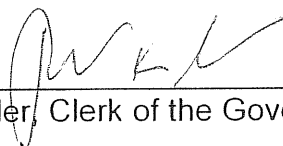
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mill Valley School District Governing Board at a meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:   3  

NOES:   0  

ABSENT:   2  

ABSTAIN:   0  

  
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Janet K. Miller, Clerk of the Governing Board