

**MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION ON SUSTAINABILITY AND THE DESIGN AND  
CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH PERFORMANCE SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, students learn best in an environment that is comfortable, healthy, naturally lit and well maintained, and studies have indicated that student achievement is greater and attendance higher when these conditions are met; and,

**WHEREAS**, schools incur a substantial amount on energy costs each year, and studies show that energy efficient facilities can reduce energy costs up to 25 percent; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, buildings or renovating a school provides a unique opportunity to move beyond standard designs to create school facilities, whose tangible benefits have been measured in the form of increased student attendance, higher test scores, reduced operating costs, elevated teacher and staff retention, and an improved indoor environment by providing cleaner air, better acoustics, and natural light; and,

**WHEREAS**, an integrated design approach can often take advantage of energy savings that become feasible when the interaction between separate building elements, such as windows, lighting, and mechanical systems are considered; 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** by the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Education recognizes the progress already made by District's staff in implementing resource conservation measures throughout the District, as well as its collaboration with design teams in incorporating sustainable design criteria into the District's school construction and modernization programs; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Education directs the Director of Maintenance, Operations and Facilities, in consultation with all architects, engineers and consultants, to develop more resource efficient design criteria and best practices for use in the construction and modernization of existing District schools and campuses; 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 design criteria developed in consultation with the CHPS, and including such measures as site orientation, energy efficient envelope, lighting, and space conditioning; water efficiency; waste management; material resource efficiency; and heat island mitigation measure, 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.

**ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED** this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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President, Board of Education

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Member, Board of Education

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of the District at a meeting of the Board held on \_\_\_\_\_ 2004, and that it was adopted by the following votes:

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NOES

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ABSTAIN

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ABSENT

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Clerk, Board of Education