

**SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*San Leandro, California*

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-44**

**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; and

**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, may be reduced by 25 percent or more; and

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the San Leandro 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 IT BE 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 feasible; that current and future construction projects meet the CHPS qualifying criteria; and earn at least 32 points for new school construction; and earn at least 25 points for new

buildings on an existing campus; and earn as many points as feasible and utilize CHPS best practices on all modernization projects and additions;

**AND IT BE 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 IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education endorses District participation in and directs staff to continue to pursue partnerships that further the goal of high performance schools, including Federal, State and utility programs that provide sustainable design financial incentives;

**AND IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education directs staff, during the design phase of projects, to require architects 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 IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education directs staff to report to the Board annually on the progress of this program, and provide an update 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**, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2007 the following called vote:

**AYES:** Cassidy, Cutter, Davis, Hague, Katz, Perry, Richards

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

  
Secretary/Clerk, Board of Education  
San Leandro Unified School District  
County of Alameda, State of California