

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

WHEREAS, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education holds these core values; that we are student-centered, hold ourselves accountable, believe in collaboration, strive for equity, hold high expectations for students and staff, and act with integrity; and we commit to including environmental sustainability into the decisions we make around operations and the curriculum.

WHEREAS, we are student-centered, we believe in authentic student engagement, and will work with them towards creating a sustainable world now and into their future;

WHEREAS, we hold ourselves accountable to make decisions around sustainability that will include operations, curriculum, policy, and programs in measurable ways;

WHEREAS, because we believe in collaboration, we encourage educators, students, and stakeholders to work together to expand and grow from each other. We are grateful that our Forsyth County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution in 2019 committing to using clean, renewable energy with a goal of transitioning to 100% clean and renewable energy by 2050. We join them in this goal and will work towards this as a district;

WHEREAS, we are committed to equity, and we believe all campuses should be beautiful, contain natural habitats, and engage all students in positively impacting the natural world. We believe that our schools should practice conservation of resources, limit waste in landfills and be built and renovated to be as energy efficient as possible;

WHEREAS, we hold high expectations for ourselves and others, and we will impact both the curriculum and our physical environment to inspire every student;

WHEREAS, with integrity, we align our practices and programs with our curriculum. We act on what we know to be true; and

WHEREAS, we believe that for a positive future for our students and their world, our behaviors align with an environmentally sustainable world; specifically in capital resources, land management, curriculum that engages students to be part of the solutions, programs, and the community.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools will use a systems level approach (by bringing together components and perspectives to work as a whole) to integrate a comprehensive and scalable environmental sustainability plan into curriculum, policies, programs, & practice across the district by:

- Committing to environmentally sustainable decisions in our curriculum and operations including existing and future facilities, landscapes, and waste management.
- Establishing demonstration schools to showcase possibilities and finding existing structures (i.e. Forest Forsyth) with which to partner and build upon.
- Engaging authentically with students through participation in waste reduction, planning and planting new growth, and other possibilities yet unknown.

Adopted by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education; this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deanna Kaplan, Chairperson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tricia McManus, Superintendent