



Resolution for Charlottesville City Schools Energy and Water Performance

Whereas, Charlottesville City Schools are committed to personal and academic excellence and preparing all current and future students to be engaged citizens who make contributions to the well-being of their community, including the natural environment; and

Whereas, building energy use is a major expense and emitter of greenhouse gases contributing to air pollution and climate change; and

Whereas, actions that reduce negative climate and air quality impacts and increase energy efficiencies will also lead to a cleaner environment and a better quality of life for both students and community members; and

Whereas, renewable power installations, energy savings initiatives, and fuel-efficient transportation provide an educational opportunity for students and employees for everyday teaching and learning; and

Whereas, through practices and partnerships, Charlottesville City Schools strives for optimized energy and water efficiency while balancing equity, economic, and environmental impacts; and

Whereas, Charlottesville City Schools has been deliberate and proactive in implementing environmental improvement measures in school operations and taking actions that reduce resource consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions, including:

- Implementation of a Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract in 2007 to provide energy efficiency and infrastructure upgrades to three schools
- Certification by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as ENERGY STAR® for seven of nine schools in 2009
- Installation of solar photovoltaic systems on Charlottesville High School and Lugo-McGinness Academy
- Honored by U.S. Department of Education in 2016 with Green Ribbon Schools District Sustainability Award; and

Whereas, pursuing energy improvements and cleaner sources of energy is in line with City goals, values, and commitments on climate protection that acknowledge local and global implications; and
Whereas, Charlottesville City Schools aims to reflect and support the goals of the community it serves.

Therefore be it resolved that the Charlottesville City Schools, acknowledging the ongoing partnership with the City of Charlottesville and the reliance on City support in implementing energy and water performance improvement measures, commits to

1. Support improved performance of the school building portfolio through efforts to reduce energy and water use through management, conservation, and efficiency upgrades; and
2. Work with the City to pursue new school buildings that integrate high performance standards related to energy and water; and
3. Partner with City staff to evaluate and pursue opportunities increasing the amount of clean energy used by Charlottesville City Schools, such as through increased onsite renewable energy.



Chair, Charlottesville City School Board

April 11, 2019

Date