



CLIMATEGENERATION

A WILL STEGER LEGACY

Climate Commitments: School Board Resolution Toolkit

Training Webinar

May 8, 2018



Agenda

- 🕒 Introduction
- 🕒 Context
- 🕒 Who it's for - students, parents, teachers, administrators, community partners
- 🕒 How to use toolkit (Share screen, where to download)
- 🕒 School board
- 🕒 Process

Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy

Climate Generation's unique story stems from our founder, Will Steger, a recognized authority on the Polar Regions and an eyewitness to the effects of climate change.

Established in 2006, Climate Generation is a nationally connected and trusted partner for innovative climate change solutions.



Mission

Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy empowers individuals and their communities to engage in solutions to climate change.

Youth



Educators



Public



Influentials





- 🕒 Take Action Guide
- 🕒 Toolkit for Trainers
- 🕒 Climate Convenings
- 🕒 Curricula Suite





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What is this project?

- We believe all school districts should teach climate change so that students grow up understanding the issue as science, not as controversy, and that they see their role in solutions to human-caused climate change.

Strong climate change education prepares students to live in a future of climate change.

Schools are a place for solutions, affecting every aspect of daily life throughout their youth.

Climate Change

Climate Change Home

Basic Information

What EPA is Doing

What You Can Do

Newsroom

Glossary

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Science

Impacts

Adaptation

Students' Site

What You Can Do: At School

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Students

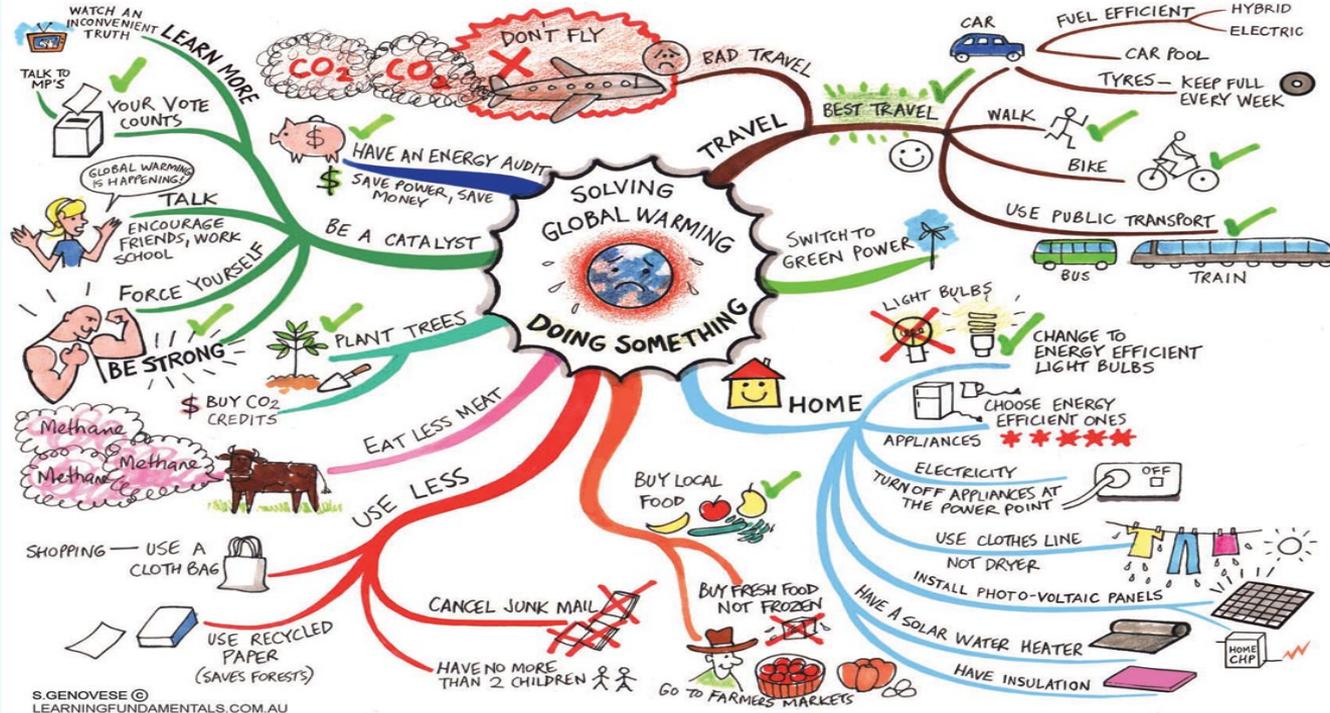
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Getting Climate-Ready

A GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS ON CLIMATE ACTION



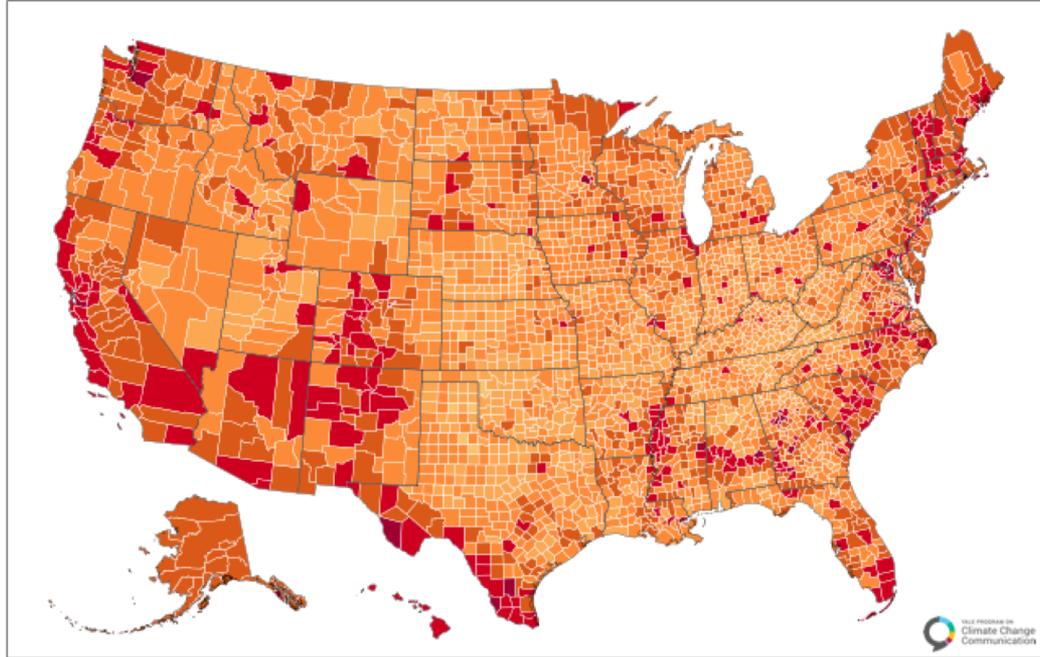
Climate change is an interdisciplinary issue.



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Support for Teaching Climate Change

Americans who believe schools should teach our children about global warming



- Overwhelming support for education of causes, consequences, and solutions to global warming.
- Not in all standards.
- Not in all textbooks.
- Scientists agree, but teachers unsupported.
- Students left without knowledge they need to survive in changing future.

Teaching of evolution, climate change at stake in Naples legislator Donalds' bill

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By Chris D'Angelo



Idaho Lawmakers Are Trying Again To Scrub Climate Change From Education Standards

State legislators are “endangering us and our children,” one climate scientist says.

Pages reveal lack in science education

May 2, 2018

Research finds introductory science textbooks devote little coverage to climate change, energy technologies and environmental issues

state level.

Americans Overwhelmingly Support Teaching Climate Science to Kids

But denialist lawmakers aren't going to make it easy.

The Salt Lake Tribune

May 04, 2018 | Jeff Tur

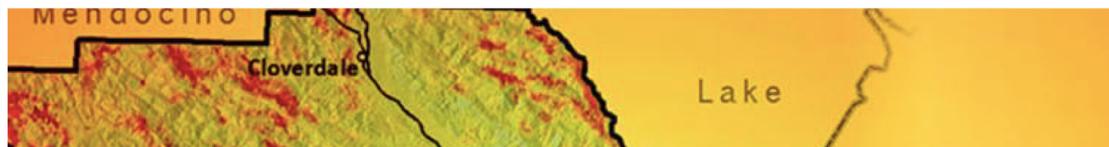
After past sparring over hot-button topics like evolution and climate change, Utah Board of Education gives go-ahead to draft new science standards



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County, cities carry on contrarian climate change campaign

By Rollie Atkinson, Staff Writer, rollie@sonomawest.com Mar 14, 2018 1



Where else have climate change resolutions passed?

CALIFORNIA

- California State PTA
- CREDO High School
- Lake Tahoe USD
- Novato USD
- Ross Valley School District
- Sand Diego USD
- San Francisco USD
- Santa Rosa City Schools
- Sebastopol USD
- Sonoma Valley USD
- Tahoe-Truckee USD
- West Sonoma County Union High School District

COLORADO

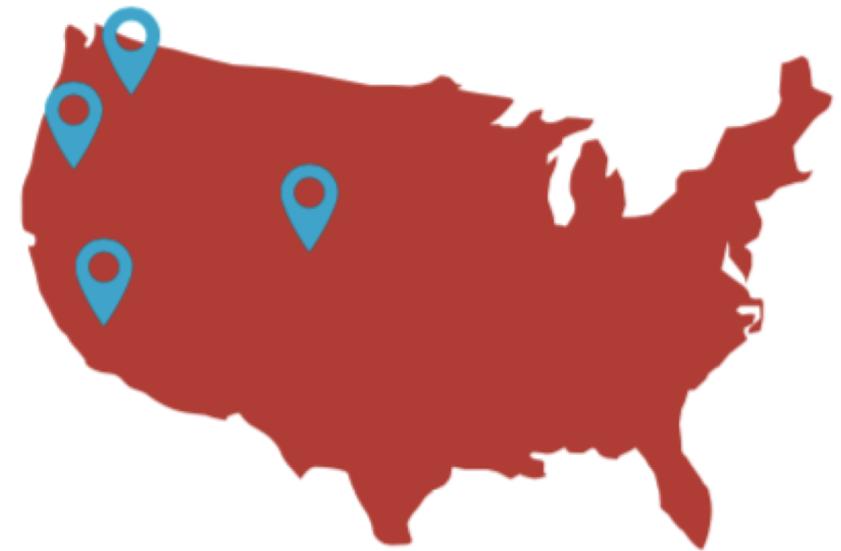
- Telluride School District

OREGON

- Portland Rethinking Schools Climate Justice Kit

WASHINGTON

- Seattle Public Schools



You, yes you!

- ⦿ Who it's for - students, parents, teachers, administrators, community partners – we all have a stake and a voice in how schools are run.
- ⦿ Students leading and speaking for themselves.
- ⦿ Teacher's Unions and PTA/PTO's can take action.
- ⦿ Students and community partners have led successful school board campaigns with partners including Schools for Climate Action and the Sierra Club.



What is the role of a school board?

- School boards represent the public's voice in public education, providing direction and accountability for how schools are run to best serve your community.
- School board members are elected by your community and responsible to their constituents.
- School board meetings are open to the public and operate as a governing body.

Process

- 🕒 Build your team
- 🕒 Research your school district
- 🕒 Spread the word
- 🕒 Customize and present your resolution
- 🕒 Vote and share your story!

More support

- 🕒 Download and share toolkit
- 🕒 Contact for models, partners, customizing, coaching, etc.
- 🕒 Organizing and media outreach

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Shape Public Policy

- Shape Public Policy
- Join our Youth Advocacy Network
- Youth Climate Justice Summit 2018
- Act on Climate Policy Solutions
- Engage Your Local Community

Advocate for teaching climate change in your school!

We are leading a campaign to make climate change education a priority in our schools through local commitments to teach climate change science. Use our **Climate Commitments: School Board Resolution Toolkit** to bring a resolution to your school board that commits your school district to teaching climate change and climate solutions.

The toolkit includes:

- Background on why we need climate change commitments
- Understanding the role of the school board
- Descriptions on what a resolution contains
- A five-step outline for developing your resolution, gaining support, and presenting it to your school board
- An editable resolution template

Have more questions? Attend our [Toolkit Webinar, May 8th at 6:30 p.m. CDT](#), where we'll walk through the how-to's and best practices of using this toolkit in your community.



Thank you!



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Schedule a coaching call or network call with other communities!



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