

Lacombe Composite High School EcoVision Climate Resolution
Lacombe, Alberta Canada
Resolution for Climate Action

WHEREAS, the global impact, urgency, and magnitude of the challenge of addressing climate change calls for leadership in all sectors of society, all institutions, and all elected leaders to act and;

WHEREAS, climate change is a nonpartisan issue that affects the future of the worlds' youth, wildlife, living conditions, and viability; and

WHEREAS, climate change is known to affect multiple critical factors of the environment including but not limited to, the climate change-driven wildfires happening yearly in Alberta and BC, rising temperatures, and rising sea levels and;

WHEREAS, climate-related disasters such as the BC/Alberta wildfires interfere with classes and degrade the mental wellbeing of youth by creating trauma and stress in addition to pressures youth already face and;

WHEREAS, our student body represents a particularly vulnerable group, as we are more susceptible to the health risks associated with greenhouse gas emissions and the smoke caused by the wildfires which particularly target student-athletes and students with respiratory conditions and;

WHEREAS, the greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere will continue to accumulate over the coming decades and will profoundly impact our current students throughout their lives as well as the lives of future generations and;

WHEREAS, in 2021 Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, declared that Canada was a committed partner in the global fight against climate change, and together we will build a cleaner and more prosperous future for all." and;

WHEREAS, since December of 2017 more than 60 school boards and 30 student councils in North America have passed non-partisan resolutions building political will for national climate action to protect students. and;

WHEREAS, we believe that students need to be a driving force in mitigating this problem which is why passing an EcoVision Council resolution is so essential to implementing change in schools;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT...

1. The LCHS EcoVision Students declare climate change a generational justice and human rights issue.
2. We celebrate existing sustainability measures and programs already underway in LCHS and Wolf Creek and thank our existing students for their involvement in school-wide environmental projects, such as the 6.0 kW and 4.0 kW solar systems, Tube solar heating project, Roofs 4 Kids goat project, Educational Pollinator Indigenous Carbon Capture Garden, Geodesic Near Net-Zero Greenhouse, Dow Community Gardens, Bee Wise beekeeping, Friends of the Gardens and Goats (FOGG), composting, refillable water stations, ECHO Food Rescue and paper/bottle recycling projects.
3. We encourage other student councils, school boards, educational organizations, provincial/federal education and environment ministers, as well as the Alberta Teacher Association(ATA) to all pass climate action resolutions in order to protect current and future students.
4. We respectfully call on Parliament and Provincial Legislative Assemblies to swiftly end 30 years of climate neglect by enacting policies such as including environmental curriculum at every grade, environmental school grants, scholarships for students, carbon fees, and dividends for companies that provide proven actions that improve the environment.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

1. We ask _____ to transmit official copies of this resolution to LCHS administration, Wolf Creek School Board, Superintendent of Wolf Creek, other student councils in Wolf Creek, the Schools for Climate Action(S4CA) campaign, the Alberta Teachers Association(ATA), all Alberta Members of Parliament (MP), all Alberta Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) .

Signed:

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On 12/1/2021 at 11:45 pm

Witnessed by _____ Steven Schultz, EcoVision advisor

Witnessed by _____ Sienna Skye, EcoVision advisor

Witnessed by _____ Meredith Easton, EcoVision advisor