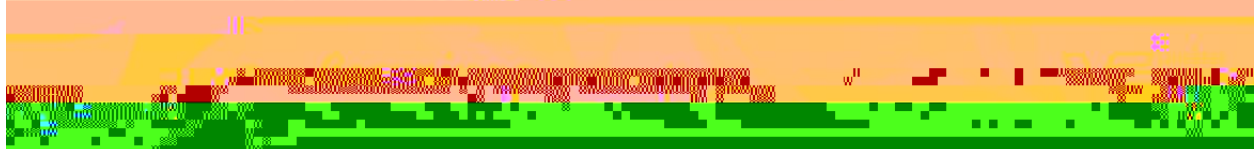


BOARD MOTION: June 21, 2021

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to prepare a Climate Action Plan as directed by the Board in its motion of 24 June 2019, by December 2021 for consideration by the Board and our stakeholders. The plan should also include funding options to support targets and strategies and home available rebates and govbr (n) 3. 7. 3

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The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Soqignee's Nations, and the

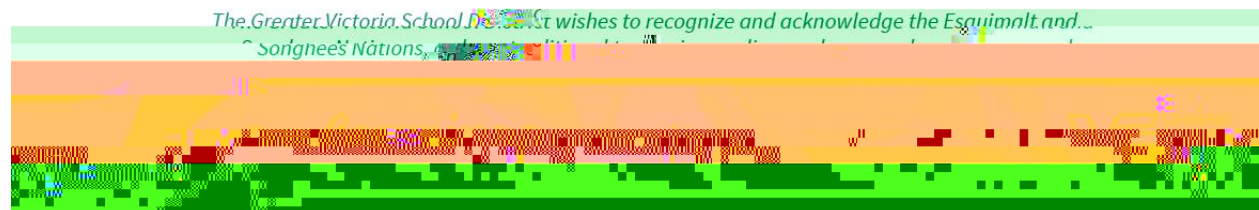


In the 2019 Carbon Neutral Action Report, we set out that the Board of Education recognizes its role as a leader in environmental stewardship and will continue to support initiatives that will reduce energy consumption and reduce our impact on the environment (2019 Carbon Neutral Action Report, p. 3) In this report we also commit to posting the Carbon Neutral Action Report to our website by June 2020.

School Districts are in a unique position to show leadership in mitigating and adapting to address the impacts of climate change. We are a member of the public sector with responsibility to both manage our resources such as our buildings and infrastructure in an environmentally sustainable manner, and to support an environmental ethic including the importance of sustainability in our educational programs.

Rationale :

On June 24, 2019 through the passing of a motion of the Board we declared a Climate Emergency and directed the Superintendent to develop a Climate Change Action Plan with specific REMHFVLYHV DQG PHDVXUHPHQWV WKDW DUH LQ DOLJQPHQW ZLWK WKH 8 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). It is now just days to the 2nd anniversary of this declaration and the Board and school community has yet to see a concrete plan with measurable targets and goals. What is the plan for reducing our GHGs and how will that be achieved to keep us to below 1.5 degrees of global warming as laid out by the IPCC?



2 X U 6 F K R R O ' L V W U L F W n f C a r b o n N e u t r a l R e p o r t t u n J u n e 2 0 1 9 r e p o r t s 4,868 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent were emitted during the annual reporting period. Therefore, as it stands we are not eligible for the new funding available to support sectoral targets.

Clean energy retrofits funded by the province could solve some of the budgetary challenges faced by school districts who should not be forced to sell assets in order to fund retrofits. It is a moral imperative that the Board act swiftly on climate change. We need a plan and we need to monitor the implementation of that plan. Our School District was one of the first School Boards in Canada to declare a climate emergency. We need to show our learning community and the country that this wasn't just hollow words.

The proposed motion supports the % R D U E n v i r o n m e n t P o l i c y 3 3 2 4 which includes a commit

