

\_\_\_\_\_ **School District**  
**PESTICIDE USE**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Protecting staff and students from the health risks of Glyphosate by supporting a transition to less chemically-intensive pesticide use.

WHEREAS, it is known that many of the chemicals used in pest control are dangerous to children, adults and our environment<sup>1</sup>, and a reduction in exposure to these is in the best interest of all; and

WHEREAS, The California Healthy Schools Act, Chapter 718, Statutes of 2000, expresses a non-mandatory policy of the State that use of least toxic integrated pest management practices are the preferred method of managing pests in an effort to reduce toxic exposure to children at public schoolsites<sup>2</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has responded to statewide demands with a policy that creates quarter-mile buffer zones of public K-12 schools and licensed child day-care facilities during school hours, Monday through Friday between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.,<sup>3</sup> it inadequately notifies the community of upcoming pesticide applications, failing to protect schools, workers, and communities from long-term pesticide exposure; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 Glyphosate was added to Prop 65, which identifies chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm because of its carcinogenic properties<sup>4</sup>; and

WHEREAS, since August, 2018, at least three successful lawsuits against Monsanto (Bayer) have awarded hundreds of million of dollars in health damages due to its glyphosate herbicide, Roundup, causing cancer. The first award was to a school groundskeeper who worked spraying glyphosate for a school district in Northern California.<sup>5</sup>; and

WHEREAS, Glyphosate has not only been found to be cancer causing, but has also been linked to heart disease, autism, Alzheimer's disease, obesity, diabetes, cataracts, celiac disease, liver disease, lung disease, asthma, deterioration of joints, acid reflux and other digestive disorders, birth defects, infertility, sterility, skin disorders, scleroderma and more<sup>6</sup>; and

WHEREAS, it has been shown to be more cost effective to use non-toxic pest management for weed control and lawn management<sup>7</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> Pesticide Mapping Tool: Agricultural Pesticide Use in California. California Environmental Health Tracking Program, 2017. [http://cehtp.org/page/pesticides/agricultural\\_pesticide\\_use\\_in\\_california](http://cehtp.org/page/pesticides/agricultural_pesticide_use_in_california)

<sup>2</sup> [http://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/school\\_ipm\\_law/hsa\\_final\\_text.pdf](http://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/school_ipm_law/hsa_final_text.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/pressrls/2017/110717.htm>

<sup>4</sup> <https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/chemicals/glyphosate>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.baumhedlundlaw.com/pdf/monsanto-documents/johnson-trial/Johnson-vs-Monsanto-Verdict-Form.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.ecowatch.com/15-health-problems-linked-to-monsantos-roundup-1882002128.html>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/24/garden/24garden.html>

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the \_\_\_\_\_ School District shall examine its own practices regarding the use of Glyphosate containing products and will seek to discontinue the use of Glyphosate containing products on school grounds by July 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of \_\_\_\_\_ School District at \_\_\_\_\_, California, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 201\_ by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of \_\_\_\_\_ School District, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees at a meeting thereof held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_ by the votes indicated above.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_.

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Clerk of the Board of Trustees