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To: Policy Committee
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Subject: Climate Crisis Response Policy: Staff Update

I. STAFF RESPONSES TO POLICY COMMENTS

As requested at the October 19, 2021 Policy Committee Meeting, staff have prepared responses to recent director, public and stakeholder comments to the Climate Crisis Response Policy (CCRP) version 24 (see attached). Staff have framed the responses around (i) carbon reduction potential; (ii) student education and engagement potential; (iii) cost impact; and (iv) staff capacity impact. We look forward to discussing the responses at the November 10 committee meeting.

Note: additional comments were provided to staff after the development of the staff responses. The comments are provided as a separate document (CCRP V. 24 - Proposed amendments/comments -2) for Committee consideration.

II. ALIGNMENT OF POLICY, ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

In anticipation of the finalized CCRP, staff have begun planning for post-policy approval activities including baseline data gathering, development of an administrative directive, implementation planning and progress reporting. In an effort to align climate crisis response milestones and tasks with the appropriate deliverable, we propose modifying *CCRP version 24* (see attached). The proposed staff modifications are provided to the Committee for discussion and are intended to keep the policy-level language in the policy and migrate the implementation language to the administrative directive and/or department-level implementation plans. The proposed change is not indeed to erode the objectives or substance of the version 24 language.

Climate Crisis Response Policy Proposed Modification

The staff proposed modifications center the CCRP on the overarching climate response goals, and the unambiguous district-wide response to the climate crisis. The Policy also establishes a Board-appointed oversight committee. This streamlined version sets the stage for the more prescriptive tasks and goals to be developed within the subsequent Superintendent-approved administrative directive and detailed department-level climate implementation plans. The proposed modified CCRP continues to identify goals and subgoals around the same 3 pillars:

1. Reduce Environmental Impact and Costs
2. Improve Health and Wellness
3. Provide Effective Environmental and Sustainability Education

Policy Detail Example: Goal 1.1: PPS will design, construct, and operate new low-carbon, high performance schools and renovations that are energy-efficient, resilient, and adaptable.

Administrative Directive

The Administrative Directive (AD) picks up where the CCRP leaves off by specifying how each goal and subgoal will be met. The AD creates the operational framework, establishes department specific responsibilities and expectations and begins the prioritization process (targeting high return efforts). Data, including carbon emissions baseline measures, will be necessary prior to finalizing. A sample Climate Crisis Response Administrative Directive is attached. The sample AD includes many of the more prescriptive milestones or actions in the last CCRP draft (v. 24).

Administrative Directive Detail Example: Staff will use appropriate industry standards (e.g., LEED Gold, Net-Zero ready, Oregon's Energy Ready Commercial Code) when designing new and modernized buildings.

Implementation Plans

Implementation plans are department-specific deliverables that specify how and when climate specific milestones will be met. Department leads are responsible for development and execution of the plans, as well as allocating adequate resources to meet the established objectives. Successful completion of the plan milestones makes up the bases for progress reporting.

Implementation Plan Example: District Design Standards shall reflect that all new construction projects that shall meet LEED Gold standard and meet EUI goals: New Construction (20 EUI K-5; 25 EUI K-8/MS; 30 EUI HS). All Modernization projects will achieve LEED Silver and meet EUI goals: Modernizations (30 EUI K-5/K-8/MS; 35 EUI HS)

III. ATTACHMENTS

- a. Climate Crisis Response Policy, Staff Input on New Proposals

- b. Climate Crisis Response Policy, Version 24 (alternate)
- c. SAMPLE Climate Crisis Response Administrative Directive
- d. CCRP V. 24 - Proposed amendments/comments -2