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**POLICY No. 08:
OPERATION**

CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Carson City School District Board of Trustees ("Board") is committed to the implementation of efficient, effective, and sustainable initiatives and programs. All Carson City School District ("District") schools and other facilities shall, when practical, implement programs and practices which are not harmful to or which limit the depletion of natural resources, create a culture of social and fiscal responsibility in the District, enhance building/facility performance, and foster a sense of citizenship and stewardship by encouraging a focus on conservation and sustainability. Such programs are designed to achieve and maintain levels of conservation which protect human health and safety, prevent injury to plant and animal life, prevent damage to property, and preserve the inviting nature and aesthetic values of the District. A program of environmental consciousness is vital to the overall health and safety of students, faculty/staff, partners and visitors to District properties.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. **Governing Principles**
 - a. Sustainability refers to "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." (U.N. Brundtland Commission 1987) Conservation refers to trying to protect, preserve, or preserving usage of a resource.
 - b. Conservation and sustainability efforts can greatly impact the health of students, faculty/staff, partners, and visitors to District properties, school buildings, our community and the environment in general.
 - c. Sustainability is an important priority that is critical to the future. The District, therefore, is committed to being an active participant, partner, and educator of conservation and environmental health efforts in areas to include, but not limited to:
 - i. Air Pollution and Climate Change
 - ii. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy;
 - iii. Student achievement and Education for Sustainability (EfS);
 - iv. Chemical safety and Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)
 - v. Recycling and Waste reduction
 - vi. Water quality and conservation
 - vii. Health and Wellness
 - viii. Landscaping, Gardens and outdoor learning space; and
 - ix. Facility Condition and Assessment; Capital Construction

REVIEW AND REPORTING

1. Administrative regulations, and/or other associated documents, will be developed as necessary to implement this policy.
2. The Director of Operations or designee, shall prepare a report to be submitted to the Board every other year, opposite of the Nevada Legislative session. This Sustainability Report shall include waste preventive measures, energy index update, District carbon footprint and conservation and sustainability efforts that have been implemented or revised in the District since the last report period. Information from each site will contribute to this report and engage leadership.

District shall comply with local, state and federal laws and regulations, as may be amended, changed, or repealed from time to time, related to the efforts detailed in this policy.