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To: Operations Policy and Planning Committee

From: Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent

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**RE: Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action**

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The intent of this memo is to provide the Board with an update on environmental and climate action plans and initiatives in our School District. We intend to provide the Board with a series of monthly reports on initiatives in our Schools and across the District.

These initiatives take place at a variety of levels from District and Municipal to Classroom and School Based projects. Presentations will include updates on current and future directions on Carbon and Energy Reduction, Community and Municipal Partnerships, Print Reduction, Green Career Pathway programs, Educational Initiatives, Waste Reduction, School Garden projects, School Recycling projects, Greening of school properties including planting trees and Bicycle projects.

While we are pleased with the variety of climate and environmental projects as well as the progress being made in many areas, we recognize the need for additional effort and expansion of projects. As stewards for our environment, we need to do more to address environmental issues and mitigate climate change.

These presentations will not only provide an update on current progress but will establish future direction and ensure climate action and environmental initiatives align with Board core values.

Recently we published and shared our 'What Are You Doing? - Climate Action' snapshot with students, schools and communities to inspire individuals and groups to participate as stewards of the environment.

District climate and environmental initiatives are implemented in partnership with community groups, municipalities and our schools. Within these initiatives we aspire to; increase connection to place to build an understanding and appreciation for our environment, increase sustainable practice through developing our identity as stewards in a changing environment, and increase understanding that our relationship with the environment directly affects our well-being.

Walk, Bike,  
Bus or  
Carpool to  
school

Turn off  
electronic  
devices when  
you are not  
using them

Eat locally  
grown and plant  
based food  
more often

Compost food  
and other  
green waste

Buy less  
stuff

Avoid  
products with  
a lot of plastic  
packaging

## SNAPSHOT



# WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

# CLIMATE ACTION

Plant  
native  
trees

Conserve  
paper

Re-use  
and  
re-purpose  
items

Turn down  
the heat &  
wear a  
sweater

Use a  
re-usable water  
bottle

Turn off  
the lights

