

WALNUT CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Walnut Creek, California

RESOLUTION 17-18-07

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE

WALNUT CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

IDLE-FREE RESOLUTION FOR MOTORIZED VEHICLES IN WALNUT CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, emissions from vehicle idling contribute significantly to air pollution, climate change, increased rates of cancer, and heart and lung diseases, which adversely affect health; and

WHEREAS, children whose lungs are still developing are at a higher risk because they breathe more rapidly and inhale more pollutants per pound of body weight than adults; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that we protect the health and wellbeing of our children who are the future for our community and Walnut Creek School District; and

WHEREAS, emissions from vehicle idling significantly affect the natural environment, air quality and wellbeing of residents, guests and visitors of Walnut Creek School District; and

WHEREAS, idling a typical vehicle for longer than ten seconds consumes more fuel than restarting that vehicle, resulting in excessive emissions and wasted fuel; and

WHEREAS, every citizen can improve our Walnut Creek School District's air quality by turning off vehicles whenever we are going to idle more than two minutes; and

WHEREAS, education about idle reduction can raise community awareness, encourage our community to develop idle free habits; and

WHEREAS, The Walnut Creek School District Governing Board desires to ensure that idling does not occur in idle-frequent locations such as school grounds and school parking lots; and at idle-frequent times such as student pickup:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Walnut Creek School District Governing Board:

1. NO IDLING GUIDELINES

Walnut Creek School District encourages parents/guardians, students, staff and other individuals with Walnut Creek School District not to exceed a two-minute idling time in their gasoline or diesel-powered motor vehicles. Exceptions to these idling guidelines include the following:

- The vehicle is forced to remain motionless on a public road because of traffic conditions
- The vehicle is an emergency vehicle used in emergency situations
- Vehicle idling is necessary for auxiliary power for law enforcement equipment, refrigeration units, loading/unloading lifts, well drilling and/or farming
- Vehicle idling is necessary for repair or inspection of a vehicle
- The health or safety of a driver or passenger requires the vehicle to idle, including instances where the temperature is below 32 degrees or above 90 degrees F.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Walnut Creek School District at a meeting held on the 5th day of February 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: McGoff, Moss, Bettis, Pennington, Peña

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at the meeting of the Governing Board of the Walnut Creek School District held on this 5th day of February, 2018.



Marie Morgan, Superintendent and Secretary of the Governing Board of the Walnut Creek School District Contra Costa County, State of California