

City of Emeryville and the Emery Unified School District
City/Schools Committee Policy # 2000
Sustainability¹

The City Council of the City of Emeryville and the Board of Trustees of the Emery Unified School District, who together comprise the City/Schools Committee, are committed to the long-term sustainability and strength of community resources – inclusive of strengthening and protecting our collective social, financial, and environmental assets.

Accordingly, the City/Schools Committee (or their designees) shall proactively:

- Emphasize opportunities for resource regeneration and sustainability throughout city and school joint policy goals and practices.
- Promote public-use practices that demonstrate highest and best use of public facilities, services, and resources.
- Establish sustainable development and resource management as part of institutional operations, planning, capital construction and program practices.
- Prioritize joint city and school district strategies that:
 - Demonstrate frugal and creative use to conserve natural resources, and reduce the impact of public use operations on the environment.
 - Consider initial cost, long-term potential cost savings, quality and performance, health impacts, and environmental considerations.
 - Strive to prevent harm as the best method of environmental and community protection. When an activity raises threats physical or social harm to individuals or the environment, precautionary measures should be taken even if some cause and effect relationships are not fully established scientifically.²
 - Support regular community and inter-organizational dialogue to promote exchange of information and data, to reduce or eliminate programmatic redundancies and other negative effects of independent and isolated planning.
- Support community sustainability and regeneration by investing in the development of human and social capital to ensure broad access to education, health care, recreation, and economic opportunity for all members of the Emeryville community.

¹ ***Innovation sustains and regenerates relationships.*** (PCL guiding principle)

² Adapted from the *Earth Charter* (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth_Charter), *US Green Building Council and Healthy Building Network*, and the *Science and Environmental Health Network* (see: [Wingspread Statement on the Precautionary Principle 1998](#)). As aligned to EUSD Board Policies #3510 BP [Green School Operations](#) and #5030 E [Student Wellness](#).

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