

**MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO
THE LOS ANGELES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

SUBJECT: Waste Reduction and Recycling

DATE NOTICED: 10/28/03

PRESENTED FOR ACTION: 12/9/03

PRESENTED BY: Ms. Korenstein

MOVED/SECONDED BY: Ms. Korenstein/
Mr. Lansing

MOTION: X

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, The Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles in 1989 adopted a goal of reducing by 25 and 50 percent the waste that the Los Angeles Unified School District disposed in landfills by 1995 and 2000, respectively;

Whereas, In response to this goal, the District has aggressively implemented waste reduction and recycling programs that have exceeded the stated goal;

Whereas, The District serves an area of 704 square miles with a population of more than 4.6 million, has the second largest student population in the country which exceeds 800,000, has a staff of over 75,000, and consequently has the opportunity to significantly impact the generation of waste in California and influence market development for recycled products;

Whereas, The Board recognizes that waste reduction and recycling can substantially reduce disposal costs, and the District is currently recycling a number of materials, including paper, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, scrap metal, concrete, asphalt, textbooks, yard trimmings, toner cartridges, and tires;

Whereas, The District has been able to avoid disposal costs of \$2.4 million in 2003 because of successful recycling efforts;

Whereas, The District was previously successful in encouraging polystyrene manufacturers to establish a recycling program for styrofoam, but due to varying market conditions it appears the program is no longer feasible; and

Whereas, It is the District's policy to purchase "environmentally preferable product" when economically feasible, and to encourage the utilization of materials to their highest and best use; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles directs the Office of Environmental Health and Safety and the Business Services Division to work with District schools and offices to increase recycling participation rates among these District facilities, and identify additional waste reduction and recycling opportunities in consultation with vendors, product manufacturers, and appropriate State and local agencies, and specifically attempt to reestablish a recycling program for styrofoam;

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Resolved, further That staff be directed to place priority attention to recycling opportunities that would result in savings to the District; and be it finally

Resolved, That staff be directed to consider the purchase of products that contain “recycled content” where feasible and there exists a stable supply chain to meet the product demands of District schools and offices.

AYES

NOES

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NOES</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Ms. Canter				X
Ms. Korenstein	X			
Ms. LaMotte	X			
Mr. Lansing	X			
Mr. Lauritzen				X
Mr. Tokofsky	X			
Mr. Huizar	X			
TOTAL	5			2

ACTION: ADOPTED