

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.49 (CENTRAL COAST) 2023 PSO Climate Change Accountability Report

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Organization: School District No.49 (Central Coast)

PART 1. Legislative Reporting Requirements

Declaration statement: This PSO Climate Change Accountability Report for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 summarizes our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions profile, the total offsets to reach net-zero emissions, the actions we have taken in 2023 to minimize our GHG emissions, and our plans to continue reducing emissions in 2024 and beyond.

Emission Reductions: Actions & Plans

A. Stationary Sources (e.g. buildings, power generation)

- Recent/ongoing upgrades to boiler/HVAC system at three schools.
- Continue lighting upgrades, including shift to dimmable LED and other efficient options where possible.

B. Mobile Sources (e.g. fleet vehicles, off-road/portable equipment)

- Recent purchase of fuel-efficient school buses to replace two outdated models

C. Paper Consumption

- Reducing paper consumption by shifting to digital forms and storage wherever possible.
- Currently investigating a new component to our accounts payable and payroll systems which would greatly reduce paper consumption.
- Seek supplier able to provide paper with a higher percentage of recycled content.

2023 GHG Emissions and Offsets Summary Table

| School District No.49 (Central Coast) 2023 GHG Emissions and Offsets Summary | |
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| GHG emissions for the period January 1 - December 31, 2023 | |
| Total BioCO ₂ | 11.2 |
| Total Emissions (tCO ₂ e) | 321 |
| Total Offsets (tCO ₂ e) | 260 |
| Adjustments to Offset Required GHG Emissions Reported in Prior Years | |
| Total Offsets Adjustment (tCO ₂ e) | 0 |
| Grand Total Offsets for the 2023 Reporting Year | |
| Grand Total Offsets to be Retired for 2023 Reporting Year (tCO ₂ e) | 260 |
| Offset Investment (\$) [Grand Total Offsets to be Retired for 2023 Reporting Year x \$25 per tCO ₂ e] | \$6,500.00 |

- i. [Note, BioCO₂ is included in Total Emissions but not Total Offsets. For K-12 and post-secondary organizations, and BC Transit, Total Offsets might not equal Total Emissions minus Total BioCO₂ because offset exempt emissions for buses are included within Total Emissions.
- ii. Emissions and offset investment amounts will be validated by CAS prior to distributing invoices.
- iii. You must round "Grand Total Offsets to be Retired" to a whole number (no decimal places) before multiplying by \$25 (e.g., 43.2 is rounded to 43, while 43.5 is rounded 44).]

Retirement of Offsets:

In accordance with the requirements of the *Climate Change Accountability Act* and the Carbon Neutral Government Regulation, School District No.49 (Central Coast) (**the Organization**) is responsible for arranging for the retirement of the offsets obligation reported above for the 2023 calendar year, together with any adjustments reported for past calendar years (if applicable). The Organization hereby agrees that, in exchange for the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (**the Ministry**) ensuring that these offsets are retired on the Organization’s behalf, the Organization will pay within 30 days, the associated invoice to be issued by the Ministry in an amount equal to \$25 per tonne of offsets retired on its behalf plus GST.

Executive Sign-off:



May 31, 2024

Signature

Date

Jeanne Saulnier

Secretary Treasurer

Name (please print)

Title