

RESOLUTION R2021-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHAKOPEE, MINNESOTA AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE AND SUPPORT THE GREENSTEP SCHOOLS PROGRAM AT THE SHAKOPEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the City of Shakopee is already an active member of the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program and has already obtained Step Two status; and

WHEREAS, the GreenSteps program is looking to expand to school districts in GreenSteps cities; and

WHEREAS, the city seeks to support the Shakopee Public School District by serving as a resource organization by participating in the Minnesota GreenStep Schools and through this partnership, it enables the city to continue and advance its participation in the GreenStep Cities program; and

WHEREAS, the city seeks to collaborate with administrators, teachers, students and parents to ensure a safe and healthy environment; provide hands-on learning opportunities; and engage students by encouraging our community to implement sustainable, energy-smart, eco-friendly, and cost-effective solutions; and

WHEREAS, opportunities exist for students to help create solutions to issues in ecological, economic and social sustainability, environmental health, and nutrition by being involved with local government by integrating sustainability education into classroom learning and applying education to real-world outcomes; and supporting students to become leaders in their schools and community by providing opportunities through a formal youth engagement program to assist in creating projects, programs, and policies; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota GreenStep Schools can support work towards and is complementary with other green building standards such as Green Ribbon Schools, LEED, and SB2030; and

WHEREAS, sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money, and reducing environmental impact to ensure future health, safety, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the city commits to the formation of a “Best Practice Committee” following guidance of Minnesota GreenStep Cities - Schools and the 2020 Work Plan and will hold meetings at least three times per year and complete an annual program review to effectively evaluate policies, coordinate projects and communications with partners, and report outcome measures to showcase savings; and

WHEREAS, Committee members will help schools adopt policies and practices addressing areas such as sustainability education and professional training, green purchasing, waste reduction, indoor air quality, clean energy and energy-saving initiatives, and community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the city will encourage Best Practice Committees at all district schools by providing networking and educational opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAKOPEE, MINNESOTA agrees to participate in Minnesota GreenStep Schools program, and it is the city's intention to pursue Minnesota GreenStep Schools advancement and recognition for participating schools in the district.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Shakopee this 2nd day of March 2021.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk