

**SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION
THE DISTRICTWIDE BAN ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BEVERAGE STRAWS
AND PLASTIC BEVERAGE STIRRERS**

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (“District”) developed a ban (“Ban”) prohibiting any single-use plastic straws and single-use plastic beverage stirrers from being supplied, distributed or purchased by the District;

WHEREAS the Ban does not apply to students with disabilities who require straws for sustenance, to access the entirety of their school day, or as accommodated for in 504 Plans or Individual Education Plans;

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the harm that plastic waste imposes on the health of the environment, District and community and aims to reduce plastic use within District operations;

WHEREAS, “Single-use Plastic Beverage Straw” refers to a tube-like tool used to transfer a liquid beverage from a container into a mouth of a person drinking the beverage composed of petroleum or natural gas based plastic and intended for a one time use. “Plastic Beverage Stirrer” refers to a plastic tube-like tool meant to mix beverages such as coffee and intended for one-time use;

WHEREAS, The District realizes that “Plastic Beverage Straw” also includes bioplastics derived from renewable biomass sourced polymers such as vegetable fats, cornstarch, soybeans, potato, lactic acid, agricultural by-products, etc. since their disposal is challenging and the District’s current waste hauler, Waste Management, does not accept them as compostable or green waste material and they would end up in the landfill where effective biodegradation may not occur;

WHEREAS, “Plastic Beverage Straw” does not include straws that are made from non-plastic materials, such as paper, bamboo paper, sugar cane, pasta, etc. These are acceptable alternatives that naturally biodegrade. Other alternatives include reusable straws made from metal, wood, bamboo or paper;

WHEREAS the Ban prohibits all future purchasing, supply and distributing of single- use plastic beverage straws and beverage stirrers for all district uses and in all departments;

WHEREAS, the Ban is fully supported by Food Services department and this will not disrupt the food service operations;

WHEREAS, The Ban will apply to all District events and rental events organized through District Facility Use Department;

WHEREAS, The District’s adoption of this straw ban will be the first step in addressing the reduction of other single-use plastic items and materials in the District;

WHEREAS, the Ban is supporting the City of Malibu ordinance No. 432 adopted on February 26, 2018 that enforces the prohibition of the use, distribution, and sale of single-use plastic straws, stirrers, and cutlery items in all retail stores and restaurants within Malibu City limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education (“Board”) hereby finds the following:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board has independently reviewed and considered the Districtwide Single-use Plastic Beverage straw and beverage stirrer Ban.
3. This Resolution wholly reflects the District’s independent judgment and analysis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts:

1. The Districtwide Ban on Single-use Plastic Beverage Straw and Plastic Beverage Stirrer Ban prepared by Caroline Coster and Carey Upton dated July 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the Proposed Ban.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assistant Superintendent serve as the custodian of the documents and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which the Board’s decision is based. The record of proceedings shall be maintained at the District’s offices at 1651 Sixteenth Street, Santa Monica, California 90404.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Assistant Superintendent to file with the County Clerk and State Clearinghouse a Notice of Determination for the approval of the Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County at its regularly scheduled meeting held on this 16th day of August 2018.

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, President
Board of Education

I, Dr. Ben Drati, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, do certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board of Education at its regularly scheduled board meeting held on this day of August 16, 2018.

Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent
Santa Monica-Malibu
Unified School District