Global Schools Program Pledge:

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted by world leaders in September 2015. The shared global framework aims to bring an end to extreme poverty, inequality, and injustice; address climate change; protect the environment; and encourage good governance, peace, and security by 2030. The SDGs are a set of ambitious priorities that require action beyond “business as usual.” Achieving the Goals requires all stakeholders to play their parts – governments, civil society, business, academia, schools, and youth – and to collaborate extensively.

Poverty and inequality, weak governance, conflict and instability, lack of infrastructure and the depletion of our natural resources contribute to long-term and often irreversible problems and undermine the efforts of communities and societies to grow and prosper. As epicenters of learning, schools have a critical role to play in addressing these critical global challenges and achieving the SDGs by 2030. Schools and educators have a responsibility to equip their students with the knowledge to understand the global challenges facing the world and the skills to overcome them. Through their unique positions in society, schools can transform their learning environments into dynamic hubs of student leadership for the SDGs.

It is therefore important for the future of the world that all schools and educators work towards achieving the SDGs.

Hence, we, the undersigned schools:

- recognizing the enormous social, economic, and environmental challenges facing the world; recognizing that future development must take place in a way that is socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable;
- recognizing that the SDGs establish an agenda for the achievement of sustainable development by 2030;
- affirming the urgent need to further strengthen and scale up Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in schools;
- stressing the vitally important role that schools can play in achieving a sustainable future through teaching and operations

Agree that we will:

- support and promote the principles of the SDGs;
- contribute to the achievement of the SDGs by ensuring that our schools and major programs are environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive;
- support and encourage our teachers and educators to deliver lessons on the SDGs;
- provide educational opportunities for our students to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to engage with the SDGs; and
- join the global movement to achieve the SDGs by 2030.