

## PREAMBLE:

WE THE PEOPLE OF THE VERDI ECOSCHOOL, CREATE THIS CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ALL COMMUNITY VOICES ARE HEARD EQUALLY AND ALL RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED SO THAT WE MAY LEARN AND GROW IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

## ARTICLE ONE

The Verdi EcoSchool government is made up of Upper School, Lower School, educators, administrators and parents.

## ARTICLE TWO

Leadership roles include the student body president, primary class speaker, general class speakers, educators, administrators and parents. The role of the student body president will be to attend parent meetings in order to update parents on student government matters and to propose bills to educators and administrators. The role of the primary class speaker will be to lead the general class speaker and to facilitate meetings and decisions within the class speaker body. The role of the general class speakers will be to propose bills, vote on bills, communicate to the community about needs and wants, and organize votes within the community. The role of the educators and administrators will be to propose, pass and veto bills. The role of the parents will be to propose, pass and veto bills.

## ARTICLE 3

All bills proposed must be reasonable and realistic. In order to pass a bill that involves the entire community, there must be a majority vote in both the upper and lower school. the bill will then be passed to the educators and administrators who may then either pass the bill, pass it to parents or veto the bill. if the bill only involves one house, the bill will need a majority vote for that house. the bill will then be passed to the educators and administrators who may then either pass the bill, veto the bill or send it to parents.

## ARTICLE 4

Individuals may only hold one job at a time, with the exception of the event of the student body president becoming unable to perform their duties.

## ARTICLE 5

Failure to perform duties as outlined for each job may result in the following escalation plan:

- 1- Educator/Student Meeting
- 2- Congressional Meeting
- 3- Congressional vote for removal.

## ARTICLE 6

In the event of the Student Body President becoming unable to perform their duties, the Primary Speaker will temporarily take the role of Student Body President until a new president is elected.

## ARTICLE 7

The Verdi EcoSchool Constitution must have a majority vote of the entire school community in order to become ratified.

## AMENDMENTS:

All members of the Verdi EcoSchool have the right to use their voice assertively and to be heard.

All members of the Verdi EcoSchool have the right to their personal space.

All members of the Verdi EcoSchool have the right to utilize a safe space at any point of the day in order to help calm their bodies and regulate their emotions.

All members of the Verdi EcoSchool have the right to learn without distraction.

All members of the Verdi EcoSchool have the right to learn in a safe environment free from bullying, or hurtful words and actions.

All members of the Verdi EcoSchool have the right to an emotionally-safe environment with educators and administrators to help them with through emotional conflict.