**RCE Greater Portland**

**Political Advocacy Policy**

The Greater Portland Regional Center of Expertise (RCE) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) is a cross-sector network of organizations and institutions that support and provide sustainability education within the four-county Portland metro region. This includes formal education (e.g., colleges and schools), non-formal education (e.g., organizations, government) and informal education (e.g., the media). In accordance with our mission statement, we are committed to increasing our collective impact to educate for a sustainable future.

We, therefore, will advocate for public policies, legislation, and social change initiatives that support education for sustainable development in the region and beyond. In addition to our support of sustainability education, we may advocate for specific efforts that help support the leadership capabilities, civic engagement skillsets, and program development of members of the RCE and community, in order to help achieve a healthy, just, and thriving region where sustainability education is prioritized and integrated across sectors.

Given the diversity of members of our network, we will strive to be politically non-partisan in our advocacy activities. While not formally taking a side in complex, regional sustainability issues, we will nevertheless aim to facilitate examination and understanding of such issues and encourage dialogue and engagement.