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The Honorable Benjamin J. Williams
Chair, Broward County School Board
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Dear Chair Williams:

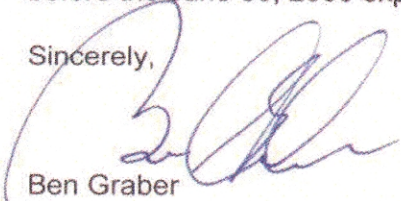
The Joint Comprehensive Recycling Program Interlocal Agreement between Broward County and the Broward County School Board expires after June 30, 2006. We are seeking the School Board's approval of the ILA's Fourth Amendment, which will extend this program through September 30, 2006. This short-term extension allows completion of a competitive bid process for the recycling collection and processing services. Concurrent with our request for a short-term ILA extension, we are pursuing a short-term extension of our current recycling collection and processing contract with Waste Management, Inc., in order to avoid any disruption in services and to allow the bid process to run its course.

Per Dr. Till's request in late 2005, we have worked with School Board staff in seeking competitive proposals for recycling services during the past year. We will also continue working with staff to draft a new ILA for the School Board's consideration in September 2006. The new contract and ILA will be closely linked.

The Broward County Commission believes that the education benefits derived from this program, coupled with the avoided cost of solid waste collection and disposal continue to make this an important program for both the School Board and the County. So far during the 2005-06 school year alone, the program has collected more than 2,200 tons of recyclables. The program has also provided training and recycling presentations to 6,200 Broward Schools' students, all while keeping service costs equivalent to 2002's rates. The County also continues to share recyclables revenues with the School Board, although markets for some recyclables have been down during this past year.

The program has received numerous local, state, and national awards over the years and continues to serve as a model for interagency cooperation. I encourage you to support and approve the amended ILA before the June 30, 2006 expiration date.

Sincerely,


Ben Graber
Mayor

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