

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Meeting Date <p align="center">2/1/11</p>	Open Agenda Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Time Certain Request Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Agenda Item Number <p align="center">A-4</p>
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TITLE:	RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY
REQUESTED ACTION:	Adopt Resolution 11-78 in Support of a Renewable Energy Policy
SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:	<p>The Board of Directors of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance has asked for our support of the expedient passage of a renewable energy policy in Florida. They believe a renewable energy policy would create significant economic and social opportunities for our state by immediately stimulating the economy, reducing unemployment and providing millions of dollars in new revenues to local governments.</p> <p>It would create a new industry and with it, a substantial number of direct and indirect jobs in Florida. The jobs created by this industry would allow for the development of a broad and diverse sector including positions in research and development, equipment manufacturing, project development and construction, system assembly and import/export. Growth of this industry would lead to increased revenues for the state, energy independence from fossil fuels and a cleaner environment.</p> <p>A renewable energy policy would encourage the development of diverse forms of renewable energy projects including large scale solar, biomass, wind, ocean-based, and rooftop solar, with a cost cap to protect Florida consumers. This type of policy would establish a sustainable market for renewable energy, and provide incentives for companies to relocate to Florida from out of state and overseas to create jobs at a time when unemployment is at record highs across the state.</p> <p>Thirty-six states plus the District of Columbia currently have renewable energy policies and Florida should join this list. These states are reaping the benefits of a clean energy economy by attracting industries that could be coming to Florida. Other countries have also positioned themselves to capture existing and future renewable markets with significant manufacturing capability through the creation of over 1 million clean energy jobs.</p>

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> •Goal One: Raise achievement of all students to ensure graduation from high school and readiness for post-secondary education. <input type="checkbox"/> •Goal Two: Improve the health and wellness of students and personnel. <input type="checkbox"/> •Goal Three: Provide a safe and secure physical and technological environment for all students and employees. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •Goal Four: Promote innovation which focuses on best practices and quality efforts that improve our best-in-class position. <input type="checkbox"/> •Goal Five: Recruit, develop, retain, and recognize high performing and diverse faculty and personnel. <input type="checkbox"/> •Goal Six: Build strong partnerships with family, business, community and government at the classroom, school, area, and district level. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •Goal Seven: Ensure district's leadership as an environmental steward through innovative ecology and energy conservation programs.
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FINANCIAL IMPACT:	There is no financial impact to the District.
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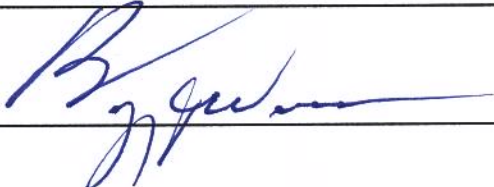
EXHIBITS: (List)	1. Resolution
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BOARD ACTION: <p align="center">ADOPTED</p> <small>(For Official School Board Records' Office Only)</small>	SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Merrie Meyers <i>mm</i> 754-321-1970 <hr/> Name Phone
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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
James F. Notter Superintendent of Schools

Approved in Open Board Meeting
on:

FEB 1 - 2011



School Board Chair



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 11-78

Resolution In Support of A Renewable Energy Policy

WHEREAS, a renewable energy policy would create significant economic and social opportunities for the State of Florida by immediately stimulating the economy, reducing unemployment and providing millions of dollars in new revenues to local governments; and

WHEREAS, a renewable energy policy would create a new industry and with it, a substantial number of direct and indirect jobs in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the jobs created by the renewable energy industry would allow for the development of a broad and diverse sector including positions in research and development, equipment manufacturing, project development and construction, system assembly and import/export; and

WHEREAS, the growth of this industry would lead to increased revenues for the state, energy independence from fossil fuels and a cleaner environment; and

WHEREAS, thirty six states plus the District of Columbia currently have renewable energy policies and are reaping the benefits of a clean energy economy by attracting industries that could be coming to Florida; and

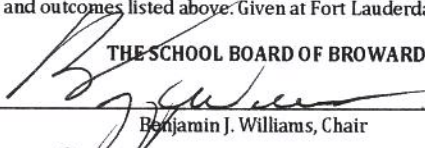
WHEREAS, the renewable energy policy should encourage the development of diverse forms of renewable energy projects including large scale solar, biomass, wind, and rooftop solar, with a cost cap to protect Florida consumers; and


WHEREAS, establishing a sustainable market for renewable energy would provide incentives for companies to relocate to Florida from out of state and overseas to create jobs at a time when unemployment is at record highs across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, does hereby request the legislators of the State of Florida to expediently adopt the passage of a renewable energy policy in Florida that meets the goals and outcomes listed above. Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 1st day of February 2011.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 
Benjamin J. Williams, Chair

ATTEST: 
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools