



*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 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2011.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin J. Williams, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools