



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 07-96

**RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
GLOBAL WARMING ADVISORY BOARD
MAY 22, 2007**

WHEREAS, there is widespread consensus within the scientific community that global warming and climate change is occurring and that greenhouse gas emissions caused by human activities are its primary cause; and

WHEREAS, because of its geographic location and low-lying topography, Broward County is especially susceptible to the consequences of global warming including a rise in sea-level, flooding, beach erosion, salt water intrusion to potable water supplies, inundation of the Everglades and coastal wetlands, more intense tropical storms, and the overall detriment to South Florida ecosystems, coral reefs and marine life, etc.; and

WHEREAS such impacts could have significant adverse economic and environmental impacts on Broward County, and its residents; and

WHEREAS it is prudent to undertake cost-effective actions to mitigate the potential water resource and other environmental impacts of global warming; and

WHEREAS, there is increasing local, state and national interest in taking action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and many states, municipalities, and major U.S. corporations are already implementing or are planning to implement measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including Miami-Dade County and Broward County, and 18 local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has already adopted other environmentally appropriate measures such as using indigenous plants around schools and other strategies for energy conservation; and

WHEREAS, as a user of natural resources, the school district is keenly aware and concerned about the vulnerability of the County's water resources, water supplies, and natural systems to the impacts of global warming and climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Broward County, Florida adopt this resolution, which supports establishment of a Broward County Global Warming Advisory Board, to include representation from the school system, whose purpose is to advise, recommend, and oversee a countywide Global Warming Program to mitigate the causes and consequences of global warming and climate change utilizing available funds, staff, and resources as allocated by various governing agencies.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 22nd day of May 2007.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Beverly A. Gallagher, Chair

ATTEST: _____
James F. Notter, Interim Superintendent of Schools