

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GO “GREEN” INITIATIVE RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** – The Cumberland County Board of Education (hereinafter “BOARD”) has the potential to make positive, tangible environmental change in the world while teaching students to be stewards of their communities, the earth and its resources; and,

**WHEREAS** – The BOARD is an important consumer of natural resources, including energy, water, food, and paper, and generators of waste materials, including garbage, runoff, and air emissions, which contribute to the world’s larger environmental problems like global warming, water and air pollution, and habitat destruction; and,

**WHEREAS** – Children, teachers, and staff are exposed daily to a school building environment and the outside grounds; and,

**WHEREAS** – The BOARD has a considerable opportunity through its purchasing power to improve both the environment and its financial bottom line; and,

**WHEREAS** – Many options and choices exist for the BOARD to use natural resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse, and recycle, to follow “Healthy, High Performance School Guidelines” for construction; to limit junk food and soda and produce healthy lunches, to eliminate exposure to toxic chemicals; and to protect our global environment; and,

**WHEREAS** – There is tremendous opportunity to teach children about ecological sustainability, environmental health and nutrition; meet math, science and social studies standards; integrate environmental education into curricula; and support students to

become leaders in making their own school healthier and a more ecologically friendly place; and,

**WHEREAS** – The Go “Green” Initiative is a proactive approach that promotes environmental responsibility; and,

**WHEREAS** – The Go “Green” Initiative creates a framework to institutionalize the Greater Fayetteville Futures II 8<sup>th</sup> objective to Grow and Sustain a “Green” Community as part of the community-wide action plan to transform this community for BRAC and beyond.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the BOARD recognizes all the excellent work already underway in the district, undertaken by parents, teachers, administrators, custodians, Maintenance, Transportation, Child Nutrition and school partners such as Sustainable Sandhills, Progress Energy, Fayetteville Public Works Commission, South River Electric, Lumbee River Electric, Cumberland County Solid Waste Management, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina State Energy Office. Further recognizing that fully implementing this resolution will take time, and must be achieved in stages.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that to promote healthier, more environmentally sustainable Board of Education and teach environmental leadership, the BOARD hereby:

- 1) Adopts the Go “Green” Initiative as the foundation for its environmental policy. The Go “Green” Initiative includes the following five principles:

- a) Awareness/Education: Promoting sustainable practices by integrating activities into the student's lesson plans and by communicating, celebrating and awarding positive change.
  - b) Pollution Control: Focusing on alternatives in transportation, cleaning, pest management and storm water control with the least potential impact on human health and the environment.
  - c) Waste Reduction/Recycling: Promoting the efficient use of materials and the reuse or recycling of discarded materials.
  - d) Water Conservation/Efficiency: Seeking to reduce water consumption through the use of efficient equipment and conservative practices.
  - e) Energy Conservation/Efficiency: Following the BOARD Conservation/Incentive Plan which identifies five key elements for a successful energy program, (1) Policy and Accountability, (2) Utility Analysis, (3) Capital Improvements, (4) Preventing Waste, and (5) Energy Education.
- 2) Calls on the BOARD to develop an action plan to implement a proactive environmental policy based on the Go "Green" Initiative that institutionalizes sustainable practices by developing a framework for this initiative designed around these five principals and incorporating existing Cumberland County School programs

and practices supporting this initiative.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Greg West, Chairman

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Franklin Till, Secretary