



# Say Yes to Green Schools

## Petition for Renewable Energy and Education at Our Nation's Schools

Currently, tremendous differences in state energy policies have created a disjointed or nonexistent national strategy regarding renewable energy. At this time of unprecedented volatility in the world energy market, a looming recession, and continued financial instability nationwide, most states and school systems face dire challenges to their budgets.

Unfortunately, at this time when maximum flexibility is needed, most states and school systems are saddled with laws and regulations that prevent the adoption of attractive options for reducing their energy and operating costs through renewable systems. Such options may be available at no cost to the taxpayers given willing investors and the financial incentives already in place. However, Federal and State support is critical to optimization of benefits to the public.

Efforts toward energy self-reliance will be expedited by establishing a national model to guide decisions. We seek a national energy policy that is consistent with President Obama's plan for renewable energy and education at our nation's schools.

Partners GREEN (Group for a Renewable Energy Efficient Nation) [www.partnersgreen.org](http://www.partnersgreen.org), is a nonprofit organization working with educational associations to raise awareness of these issues. We invite all Americans to join as a single voice to deliver a message to Congress to pass legislation that ensures the future of our children, energy supplies, and environment. Please join us and sign our petition for your voice to be heard. Your membership and participation will bolster our efforts to make a difference.

Listed below are our petition strategies to expand the opportunities for onsite renewable energy and energy efficient technologies throughout our nation's schools:

- Eliminate electric utility standby charges that discourage onsite renewable energy generation by reducing cost effectiveness;
- Implement minimal cost federally approved interconnection agreements with electric utilities;
- Provide equivalent government encouragement for renewable energy (versus fossil fuels);
- Federally mandate net metering for renewable energy... set a 2MW limit nationally and offer more support for net metering renewable energy generation;
- Encourage local/federal ordinances to promote renewable energy technologies;
- Develop a national energy and renewable energy policy that mandates utility conservation programs, Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), Energy Efficiency Certificates (EECs) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Reduction Certificates (ERC)
- Allow tax-free financing of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects;
- Allow third party investment into the schools in the form of onsite renewable energy systems that would supply cost effective energy, thus allowing savings to be used for the benefit of students and educational expenses;
- Create national energy curriculum that integrates renewable energy technologies and energy policies that encourages student and community engagement in meeting national renewable energy generation goals.

The time for change is right now. America's students thank you for your support.

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**Please sign our petition and fax it back to 866-430-8361**