

# BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The Honorable Bernard C. "Jack" Young  
President, Baltimore City Council  
City Hall, Room 400  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: Position Statement: City Council Bill (Resolution) 14-0161(R)

Dear Council President Young:

On March 24, 2014 the Baltimore City Council introduced the above-captioned resolution concerning Baltimore City's Current and Future Solar and Other Renewable Energy Plans. Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) has been and will continue to be a leader in the use of solar and other renewable energy plans, as well as in the implementation of sustainability design standards. Examples of our commitment to renewable energy are as follows:

- The new Waverly Elementary/Middle School opened on January 2, 2014. In addition to being on track for LEED Silver certification, bids were recently received to add a 32.4 KW solar power distribution array on the existing vegetative roof.
- City Schools was awarded up to \$2.7 million from the Maryland Energy Administration to assist in the design and construction of a new Net Zero school building in southeast Baltimore. Design work on this project will start in summer 2014.
- City Schools is currently working with Constellation Energy to install solar power generation arrays on existing school building roofs and parking lots. The arrays will be a renewable energy source to be used to operate the buildings under the Exelon-Constellation merger agreement. Anticipated overall capacity of this project is 4.5 MW.
- City Schools is part of a regional cooperative purchasing committee with multiple surrounding jurisdictions. The Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee (BRCPC) procures cost effective energy, which includes ongoing management of energy price risk for electric and natural gas portfolios and investigating cost effective ways of procuring energy from local generation sources, including renewable energy. City Schools is in compliance with the Maryland Renewable Portfolio Requirement for renewable energy certificates (RECs) Tier 1, SREC and Tier II.
- City Schools is currently working with the City Energy Office on feasibility studies for the evaluation of combined heat and power generation systems.

City Schools fully supports the intent of this resolution; we will be happy to present additional information on our current and future solar and other renewable energy plans to the City Council upon request.

Sincerely,



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