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Details: Public Hearing – January 29, 2008

(FORM UPDATED: 07/12/2010)

**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...
PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS**

2007-08

(session year)

Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on ... Education (SC-Ed)

COMMITTEE NOTICES ...

- Committee Reports ... **CR**
- Executive Sessions ... **ES**
- Public Hearings ... **PH**
- Record of Comm. Proceedings ... **RCP**

INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

- Appointments ... **Appt**
- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule**
- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions
(**ab** = Assembly Bill) (**ar** = Assembly Resolution) (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
(**sb** = Senate Bill) (**sr** = Senate Resolution) (**sjr** = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

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Vote Record Committee on Education

Date: 2/21/08

Moved by: Hansen

Seconded by: Erpenbach

AB _____ SB 358 Clearinghouse Rule _____
 AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____
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Be recommended for:
 Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrency

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Senator John Lehman, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Jon Erpenbach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator David Hansen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Pat Kreitlow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Luther Olsen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Glenn Grothman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Mary Lazich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Totals:	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Motion Carried Motion Failed



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January 15, 2008

Senator John Lehman
Chairman, Senate Committee on Education
Room 310 South, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Committee members,

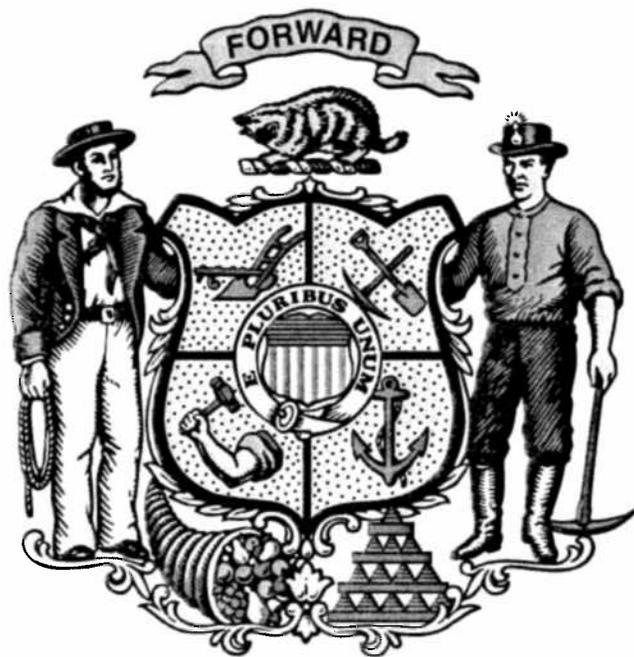
The School District of Edgar is in full support of renewable energy legislation as proposed in SB 358. We are encouraged by the educational opportunities for our students as outlined in the Wind Energy Initiative Project partnering CESA #10 area schools and Johnson Controls Company. The financial liability safeguards designed in this project illustrate the cooperative ventures that Wisconsin schools and businesses should be entering. Please lend your support to this legislation.

Sincerely,



Mark Lacke- Administrator
School District of Edgar

cc: Senate Committee on Education



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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ABBOTSFORD

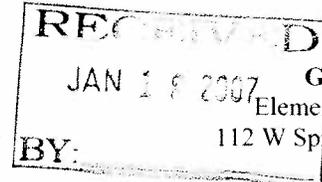
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January 15, 2008

Senator John Lehman
Chairman, Senate Committee on Education
Room 310 South, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

SB 358 ?

A BILL ?

Dear Senator Lehman:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the School District of Abbotsford, encouraging the support of the School Wind Project initiative before your committee.

As you know, Abbotsford is one of several districts throughout the state that has applied for and received approval for Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBS) at zero percent interest for the School Wind Project. To date, over \$12 million in funding for Wisconsin school districts has been approved.

The legislation that is being debated at today's hearing provides Wisconsin school districts with a potential source of revenue. With the fiscal dilemmas many of the school districts are facing, the opportunity to supplement our budgets with additional revenue from such a project would be welcome.

Our board supports the educational component of this project. The School Wind Project initiative provides a valuable educational opportunity for our students to actively participate in and learn about renewable energy resources. As we prepare for the energy challenges of the future, the proposed bill advances our state's goals toward increased reliance on Wisconsin-based renewable energy. The school's involvement in this project, not only allows for incorporation into curriculum areas, but also sets an example for the use of energy alternatives.

It is commendable that your committee is looking at a pro-active approach to renewable energy resources. This legislation will allow schools to take the lead in educating future generations of the importance of renewable energy sources.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Reed Welsh
District Administrator, School District of Abbotsford

cc: Senate Committee on Education



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PRAIRIE FARM

630 S. River Avenue
Prairie Farm, Wisconsin 54762

January 16, 2008

Senator John Lehman
Chairman, Senate Committee on Education
Room 310 South, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

SB 358?

Dear Sir:

The School District of Prairie Farm wishes to express its desire to contribute to an ever-growing "green movement," while at the same time capturing some much needed revenue in the future to help support the day-to-day operations of the school district.

The Prairie Farm School Board supports the concept of a school district's involvement and participation in "buying" a part of a wind farm commensurate with its own size and fiscal ability to participate, supported by a major corporation. Participation in this program has possibilities beyond the fiscal, including potential educational benefits for the students at Prairie Farm as well as contributing to helping- albeit it in a small way, our nation reduce its over-dependence on fossil fuel.

Therefore, the School District of Prairie farm encourages positive action by the Wisconsin State Senate to move this project along from concept to action.

Sincerely,
THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PRAIRIE FARM



Donald E. Hauck Ed.D
District Administrator



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONDOVI

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CHERYL L. GULLICKSRUD
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

January 16, 2008

Senator John Lehman
Chairman, Senate Committee on Education
Room 310 South, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Senator Lehman:

The School District of Mondovi strongly supports legislation permitting school districts to participate in clean renewable energy projects.

It is our District's mission to educate our future citizens and consumers. Teaching elementary, middle, and high school students about the environment and the impact of their individual carbon footprints is a responsibility we take very seriously. Our District's participation in renewable energy projects will not only provide our students with opportunities to learn about the environment and conservation practices, but also allow us, the adult educators and community members, to "walk the talk" and act as role models to our students about the importance of energy conservation.

Members of the Mondovi community and the school district's Board of Education have taken particular interest in participating in a wind energy project. In 2006 our district signed on as an initial member of a group of 14 Wisconsin school districts that applied for and were approved to issue Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBs) as provided for in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Our CREBs funding is intended to be used to participate in the building of small-scale wind generation facilities as part of our environmental education curriculum and as a source of revenue for our district. In order for the wind project to begin, however, SB 358 authorizing school boards to construct or acquire a renewable resource facility, needs your approval.

The passage of SB 358 will enhance environmental education opportunities for Wisconsin's students, encourage the development of clean renewable energy projects in our state, enable CREBs funding to be fully utilized in Wisconsin, and provide potential new revenue sources for school districts. For these reasons, I urge you and the members of the Senate Committee on Education to approve SB 358.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Gullicksrud
District Administrator
School District of Mondovi

c: Senate Committee on Education



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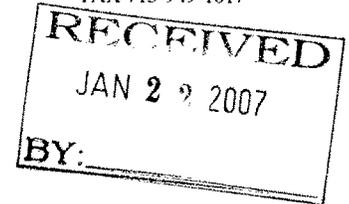
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The mission of the Barron Area School District is to ensure all students reach their dreams while making a positive impact on the world.

January 17, 2008



Senator John Lehman
Room 310 South
State Capitol
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

Senator Bob Jauch
Room 118 South
State Capitol
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senator Lehman and Senator Jauch;

This letter signifies my endorsement and support of Senate Bill 358 authorizing School Boards to construct or acquire renewable energy resource facilities. The Barron Area School District Board of Education adopted a resolution in April of 2006 supporting Barron's participation in a consortium of schools to support wind turbines to produce electricity. We were one of the first schools to propose this idea. The merits of clean and renewable energy stands for itself, especially in a time where fuel is at an all time high. Our dependence on foreign oil needs to be dramatically reduced. Although there is no law preventing this action, we have been on hold waiting for legislation that allows us to produce electricity with wind.

It is our understanding that the legislation of this bill will only allow us to produce electric energy up to 5 megawatts. Thus, saving our school taxpayers thousands of dollars on energy costs.

Finally, we promote clean and renewable energy in our curriculum and we see this as an opportunity to provide our students with a hands-on, real-life lesson on clean and renewable energy such as wind. I applaud the authors and supporters of this Bill for they have foresight and global perspective in helping this world become less dependent on fossil fuels and foreign resources.

Sincerely,

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Monti J. Hallberg
District Administrator

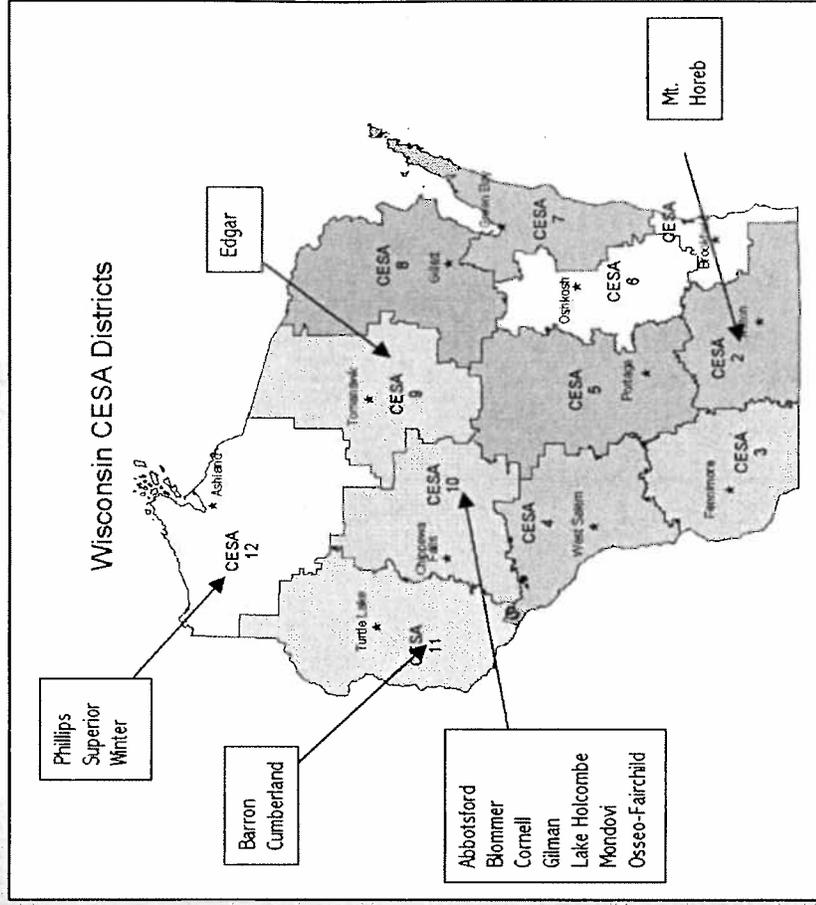
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Participation

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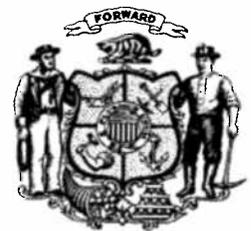
- Abbotstford
- Barron
- Bloomer
- Cornell
- Cumberland
- Edgar
- Gilman
- Lake Holcombe
- Mondovi
- Mount Horeb
- Osseo-Fairchild
- Phillips
- Superior
- Winter



SB 358 ?



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



School Wind Energy Initiative

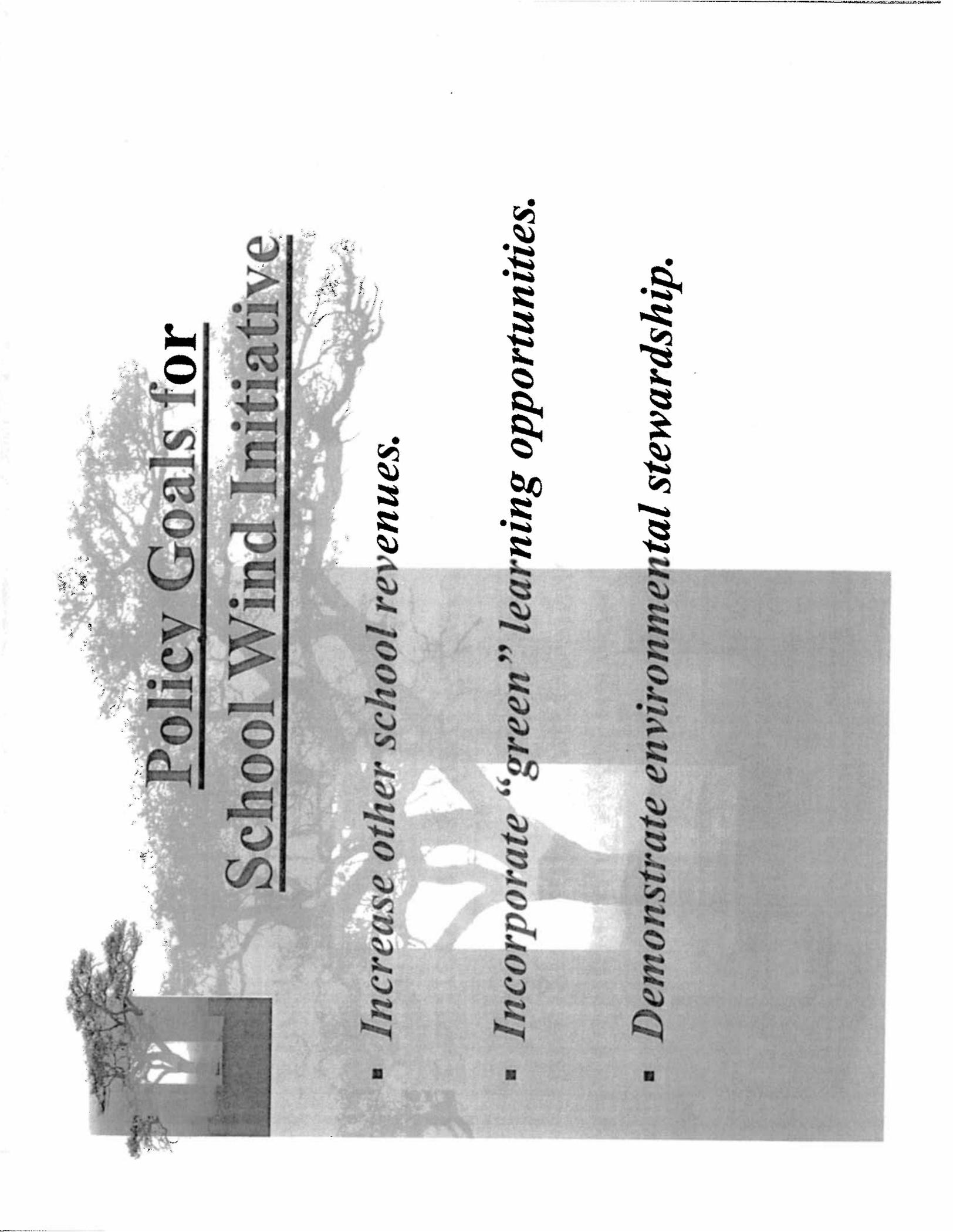
SB 358 ?

JOHNSON
CONTROLS



Johnson Controls Inc.

- Johnson Controls is a global leader in automotive experience, building efficiency and power solutions.
- Founded in Milwaukee, Johnson Controls currently employs approximately 136,000 worldwide, 2,500 in Milwaukee, at over 500 locations.
- Fiscal 2006 was the 60th consecutive year of sales increases, the 16th consecutive year of earnings increases and the 31st successive year of dividend increases.
- John Barth, chairman and CEO, was recognized by the Diversity Best Practices (DBP) and Business Women's Network (BWN) as a recipient of their 2007 Diversity Leadership Award
- IndustryWeek magazine ranked Johnson Controls among the 50 best U.S. manufacturing companies for 2005.
- Customers include SBC, GlaxoSmithKline, JCPenney and Novartis as well as 7,000 U.S. school districts, more than 2,000 hospitals and tens of thousands of other non-residential and government buildings.

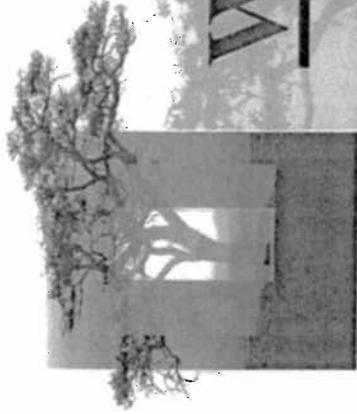
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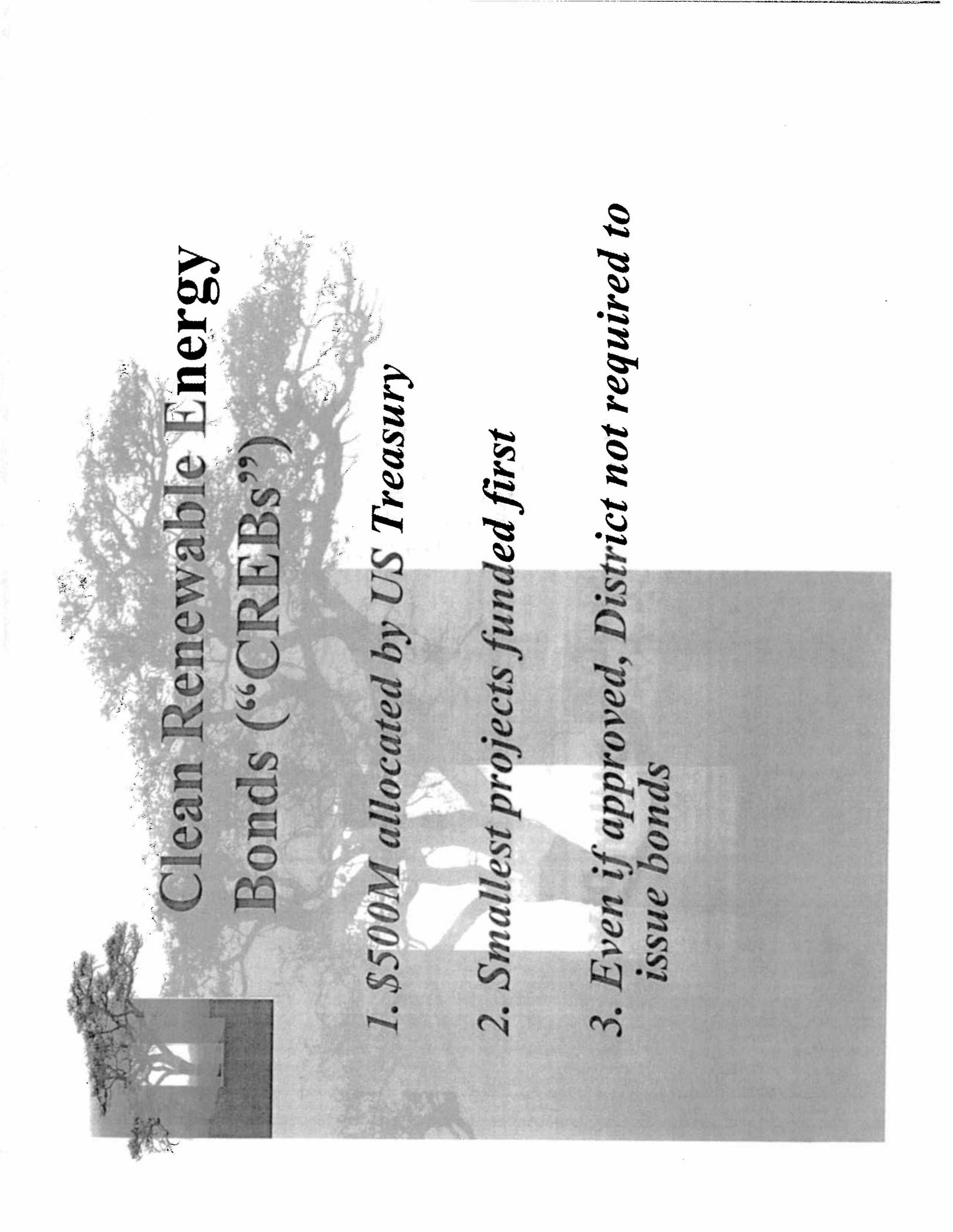
Policy Goals for School Wind Initiative

- *Increase other school revenues.*
- *Incorporate “green” learning opportunities.*
- *Demonstrate environmental stewardship.*

Wind Turbine Partnership

- *JCI develops wind turbine farm in high wind resource locale*
- *Districts invest in a “share” of the farm*
- *Partners finance with “CREBs”*





Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (“CREBs”)

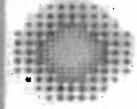
- 1. \$500M allocated by US Treasury*
- 2. Smallest projects funded first*
- 3. Even if approved, District not required to issue bonds*

Educational Opportunities

KidWind  **PROJECT**

SCIENCE NEWS for **KIDS**

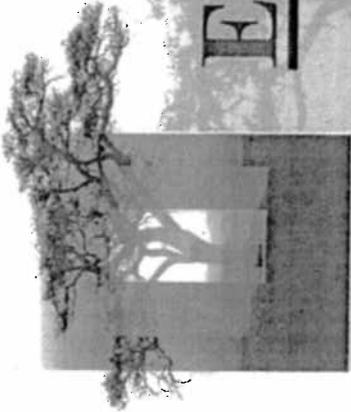


 **NATIONAL ENERGY FOUNDATION**
RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION

Environmental Stewardship

Wind Turbines Reduce Reliance
on Coal & Gas-fired Power
Plants...

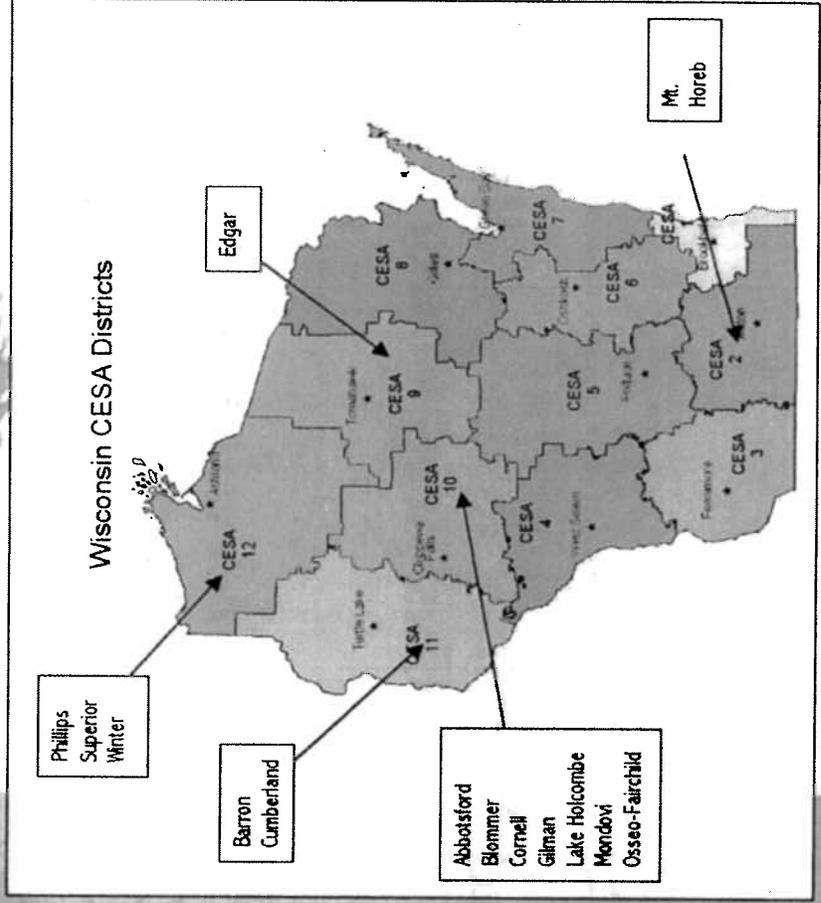
- *Reduce Greenhouse Gases
(CO₂) 8,100 tons/year*
- *Reduce Nitrogen Oxides
19 tons/year*
- *Reduce Sulfur Dioxides
25 tons/year*



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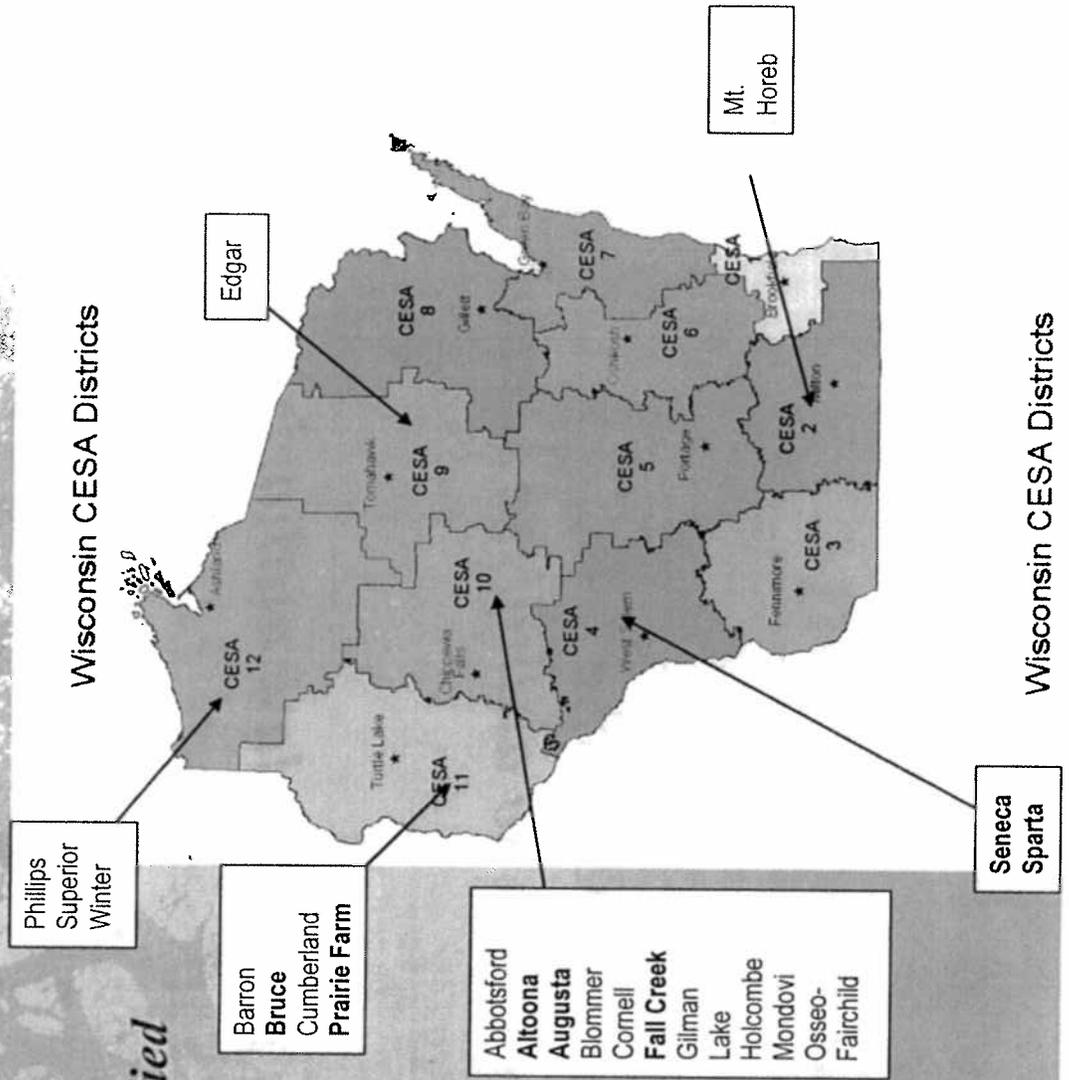
- *Abbotsford*
- *Barron*
- *Bloomer*
- *Cornell*
- *Cumberland*
- *Edgar*
- *Gilman*
- *Lake Holcombe*
- *Mondovi*
- *Mount Horeb*
- *Osseo-Fairchild*
- *Phillips*
- *Superior*
- *Winter*



New School Districts

The following Wisconsin School Districts have applied for CREB's funding:

- Altoona
- August
- Bruce
- Fall Creek
- Prairie Farms
- Seneca
- Sparta



Authorization

- *In order to take advantage of the CREBS funding, Wisconsin needs to authorize school district wind projects*
- *Minnesota recently passed a law authorizing such projects (MN State Statute 123B.02 subd. 21 Wind Energy Conversion System)*

Proposed Wisconsin Bill

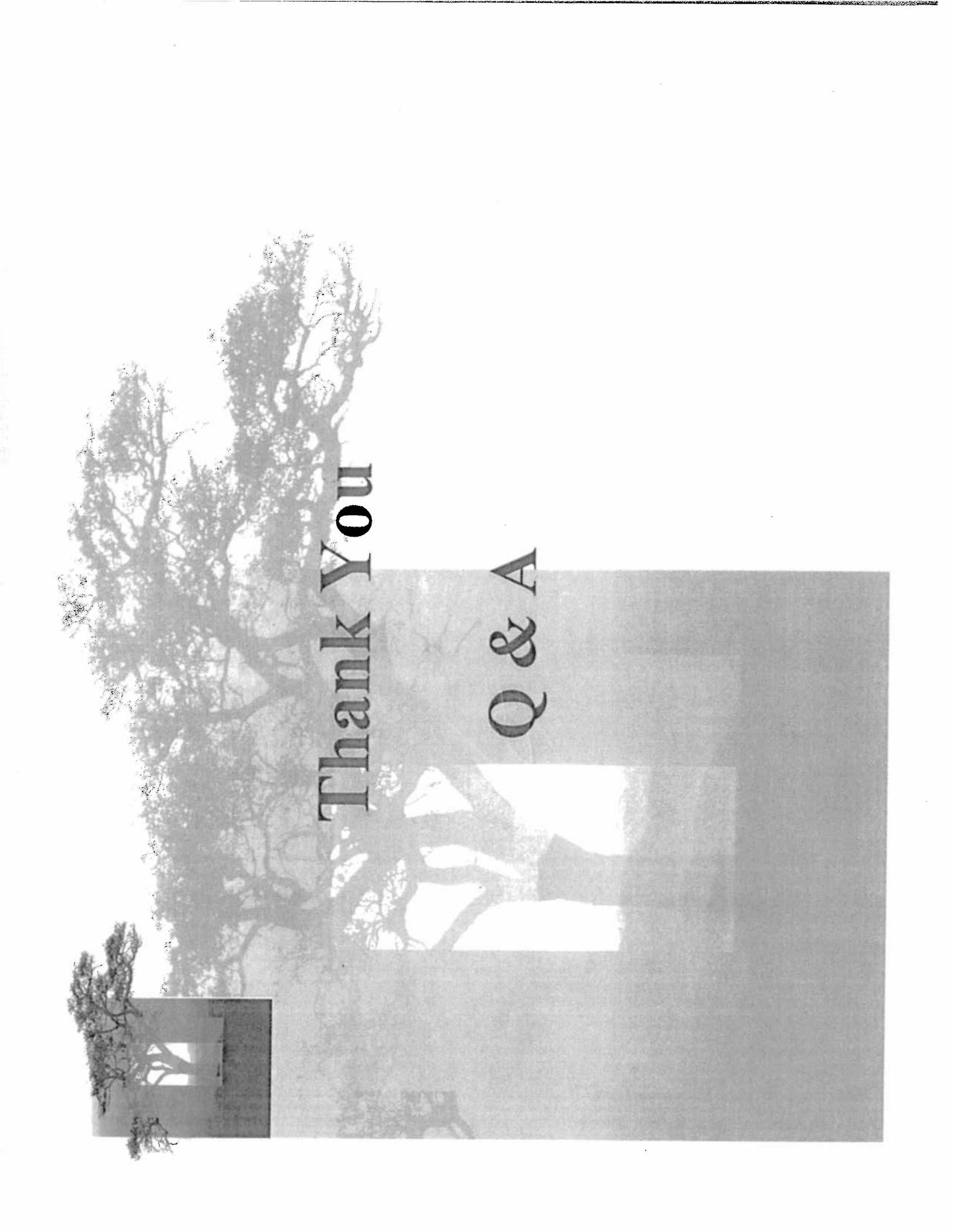
- *School districts are authorized to own and receive revenue from small wind projects*
- *School districts may participate with other school districts in a consortium that develops such a project*
- *Each district's share of the project may not exceed five megawatts*

Sen. Jauch and Rep. Suder:

DRAFT School Wind Legislation

SECTION 120.13 (18m) of the statutes is
created
to read:

120.13 (18m) RENEWABLE RESOURCE FACILITIES. Construct or
acquire, borrow funds to construct or acquire, own, operate, and
maintain a renewable resource facility, and use the energy generated
by the facility for school district facilities or sell the energy generated
by the facility at wholesale, if the school board's share of the
installed capacity of the facility does not exceed 5 megawatts and the
school board incorporates information about the facility in its
curriculum. In this subsection, "renewable resource" has the
meaning given in s. 196.374 (1) (i).

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Thank You

Q & A