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## Upcoming Webinar: Certification Homestretch



### Tips on Completing Your Certification Application

The final deadline for 2020 Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification is June 22. In this webinar we will show you how to respond to feedback from previous submission rounds. We will also discuss how to complete some of your actions during this time of social distancing and school closures.

**Friday May 29, 2020, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

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## Apply to be a PowerSave School!

Get free support and resources, as well as a stipend, to educate students about energy use and save money on your school's energy costs.

Sustainable Jersey is partnering with New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG), South Jersey Gas (SJG), and the Alliance to Save Energy (the Alliance) to bring the PowerSave Schools program to 37 schools in [NJNG's service territory](#) and 30 schools in [SJG's service territory](#).

Created by the Alliance, PowerSave Schools engages PK-12 students in saving energy and money in their schools – and now, in their homes, too. In response to the COVID-19 school closures, the Alliance developed “EmPowered at Home”, a new component of PowerSave Schools designed to be administered remotely. EmPowered at Home ensures the program’s success in remote, in-school, or hybrid learning models. With NJNG and SJG funding, the Alliance provides the training, guidance, tools, and resources for a successful program.

Try the Home Energy Audit with your students by going to [bit.ly/empoweredhomeaudit](http://bit.ly/empoweredhomeaudit).

### Application Information

- Application Form: <http://bit.ly/empoweredapplication2020>
- Spots are limited so submit your application before summer break!

## Eligibility Requirements

Schools must be located within [NJNG's service territory](#) or [SJG's service territory](#) and registered with Sustainable Jersey for Schools to be eligible.

Questions about PowerSave Schools and applications should be directed to Doug Abbott at [dabbott@ase.org](mailto:dabbott@ase.org)

For questions about Sustainable Jersey for Schools and how to register, please contact Véronique Lambert at [schools@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:schools@sustainablejersey.com)

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## Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Webinar

### Million\$ Available Now to Fund the Electric Vehicle Revolution in Your New Jersey Community

June 22 is the deadline to apply for [generous state grants](#) for electric vehicle fast charging stations, fully-electric school buses, and more from the final round of Volkswagen settlement funds. Join [Sustainable Jersey's information session May 26th at 3pm](#) to hear from Andrea Friedman, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and Mark Warner, ChargEVC, about how to apply for these state incentives. Projects funded with these grants can be used to earn points for the [Sustainable Fleets action](#).

**Tuesday May 26, 2020, 3:00pm - 4:00pm**

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## June 22 - Final Deadline for 2020 Certification Application

The third and final deadline to submit applications for 2020 certification is June 22. Applications that were submitted in the second round will be returned by the end of May.

For details about adjustments to the 2020 certification cycle and other accommodations for 2020 applicants due to COVID-19 disruptions, click [here](#).

If you need help with the application process, check out our [Green Team Resources page](#), which includes our [Master Action Tracking Spreadsheet template](#) to help you keep track of your points, [Application User Guide](#) and [recorded certification webinars](#). If you have any further questions feel free to reach out to us at [schools@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:schools@sustainablejersey.com).



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## Contribute to a Complete Census Count

The importance of a complete count in the [2020 Census](#) cannot be overstated – census counts determine nearly \$23 billion in federal funding for New Jersey, including support for school programs

and services such as special education, free and reduced lunch, class size reduction, classroom technology, after-school programs, Head Start and more.

Even during this time of social distancing and remote learning, information encouraging completion of the Census online, over the phone or by mail can still be sent to families through school communication channels.

The U.S. Census Bureau Statistics in Schools (SIS) program has [home and distance learning resources available online](#) for parents and teachers. As a reminder, schools can earn points toward Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification for Census education and outreach and/or integrating SIS activities into student learning. Go to our [Actions page](#) for more information.

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## Other Upcoming Events

The United States Green Building Council's Center for Green Schools will host a series of energy resilience webinars to help school communities prepare schools and districts in this changing world.

### **Social Emotional Resilience: Supporting School Communities Through Crises**

Schools are learning spaces first and foremost, but as the current pandemic has reminded us, they also function as so much more than that. For many students, schools are a place to be fed, connect with peers, and access critical infrastructure (internet, computers) they may lack at home. The psychological impacts of recent natural and health crises (and resulting disruptions to the school year) on students can be long lasting. As we think about returning to school, how can we address these ongoing challenges? Presenters on this webinar will help us understand how to help equip students and school staff to cope with uncertainty, practice understanding, and build social and emotional resilience after crises.

**Thursday May 28, 2020, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

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### **Resilient Design: Preparing School Buildings for a Changing Climate**

Schools are the cornerstone of our communities, and so it is especially crucial that these buildings are designed with resilient strategies to withstand and rebound quickly after disaster strikes. During this webinar, school leaders and design professionals will share successful strategies and lessons learned designing schools to minimize impacts, avoid disruptions and recover and adapt to natural and human health events, including the novel coronavirus.

**Thursday June 18, 2020, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

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## Green Team Resources

### **Staying Green During Quarantine: Resources for Remote Learning & School Building Closures**

Sustainable Jersey has posted a compilation of resources on our newly-developed [Remote Learning & Building Closure Resources page](#) to assist staff, students and families across our school communities during the current crisis. We will add to and revise this list as we become aware of additional resources.

### **NJBPU Announces New Incentives to Expand Local Government Electric Vehicle Fleets**

To jump-start the electrification of local government vehicle fleets, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPUB) has created the “Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive” program, which offers local governments \$4,000 per battery electric vehicle and \$1,500 for one dual-port Level 2 EV charging station. The application window opened on December 1, 2019, and the program will award grants on a rolling basis until the funding is fully committed. Eligible applicants are local government authorities, which includes school districts, counties, municipalities, and local utility authorities in New Jersey.

To make it easier for local governments to add electric vehicles to their fleets, EVs were recently added to the State Purchasing Contract. Please review Sustainable Jersey’s [Alternative Fuel Vehicle Procurement Guide](#) for further details. Sustainable Jersey for Schools points can be earned for the new [Sustainable Fleets](#) action in the Green Purchasing category.

More information can be found [here](#) and the application can be accessed [here](#). If you have questions about the incentive program, please send an email to [EV.programs@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:EV.programs@bpu.nj.gov).

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## Mark Your Calendars!

Sustainable Jersey for Schools events, trainings, funding opportunities, and more!

- **May 26:** Fund the EV Revolution in Your NJ Community Webinar
- **May 29:** Certification Homestretch Webinar
- **June 22:** Final Application Deadline for 2020 Certification Cycle

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## Download Program Resources

- [Brochure](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [District Registration Instruction](#)
- [School Registration Instruction](#)

We hope you will join us to take steps to create a brighter future, one school at a time! If you have questions, email us at [schools@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:schools@sustainablejersey.com) or visit [www.SustainableJerseySchools.com](http://www.SustainableJerseySchools.com)

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