



351 Districts

965 Schools

Participating

Announcing the "Future" of FRS-NJ: Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools Facebook Live Event

Join us on **Tuesday, June 2 at 10 a.m.** to learn how Sustainable Jersey for Schools (SJS), in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) and the New Jersey Schools Boards Association (NJSBA), will continue the important work of the Future Ready Schools – New Jersey (FRS-NJ) certification program. By integrating the existing FRS-NJ indicators, as well as introducing new content related to the use of technology in learning into the new program, we proudly announce ***Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools***.

The *Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools* program will include guidance on how to meet the challenges of emergency remote digital learning during pandemic conditions, how to implement equitable, effective remote digital learning practices, and provide a framework for the preparation of students for successful lives and careers in a technology infused world.

Presenters include:

- Linda Eno, NJDOE Assistant Commissioner for Academics & Performance
- Patrice Maillet, Director, NJSBA Business Development
- Randall Solomon, Director, Sustainable Jersey and The Sustainability Institute at The College of New Jersey
- Joseph Isola, Superintendent, Howell Township Public Schools
- Dr. Michael Salvatore, Superintendent, Long Branch Public Schools
- Laurence Cocco, Senior Program Consultant, Sustainable Jersey for Schools

The session will be moderated by Michael Kvidahl, NJSBA Digital Marketing Specialist. The event will be live on the [New Jersey School Boards Association Facebook page](#).

June Sustainability Hero

The June 2020 Sustainability Hero is Nancy Blackwood, the Chair of the Red Bank Environmental Commission. Nancy is a tireless advocate for complete streets and sustainability in Red Bank Borough and has led the team to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification at the silver-level. See how tactical urbanism, the New Jersey Sustainable Business Registry Program, Johnny Jazz Park and Jamaica fit into the story on the



[Sustainable Jersey Heroes page.](#)

To celebrate the stories of our local leaders, we recognize a monthly Sustainability Hero. If you have recommendations for someone on your green team, municipal staff, school staff or task force that's a sustainability hero, complete the [submission form](#).

Final Certification Deadline Approaching!

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

Certification Homestretch Webinar

Last week, Sustainable Jersey for Schools hosted a webinar for those who need guidance in the final submission round which included how to respond to feedback from previous submission rounds and how to complete some actions during this time of social distancing. To view a recording of this webinar, click [here](#). For more details about adjustments to the 2020 certification cycle due to COVID-19, 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.

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 schools registered with Sustainable Jersey for Schools located in [NJNG](#) or [SJG](#) service territories.

PowerSave Schools engages PK-12 students in saving energy and money in their schools – and now in their homes, with “EmPowered at Home”. This new component of PowerSave Schools ensures the program’s success remotely, in-school, or in hybrid learning models. With NJNG and SJG funding, the Alliance provides the training, guidance, tools, and resources for a successful program. For more information click [here](#).

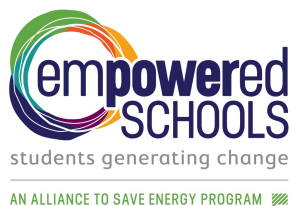
Try the Home Energy Audit with your students by going to bit.ly/empoweredhomeaudit.

Application Information

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

Questions about PowerSave Schools and applications should be directed to Doug Abbott at dabbott@ase.org

This *PowerSave Schools* Opportunity is funded by



Welcome Newly-Registered Schools!

Bergen County

Cresskill Public School District

Merritt Memorial Elementary School

Ridgefield Park School District

Ridgefield Park Jr. Sr. High School

Camden County

Collingswood High School

Middlesex County

Edison Township School District

James Madison Intermediate Elementary

South Plainfield Middle School

Monmouth County

Holmdel Township School District

Wall Township Public School District

Allenwood Elementary School

Central Elementary School

Old Mill Elementary School

West Belmar Elementary School

Morris County

Briarwood Elementary School

Brooklake Elementary School

Edith M. Decker Elementary School

Ridgedale Middle School

Union County

Winfield Elementary School

Other Funding Opportunities

NJDEP to Fund \$45 Million in Electrification of Municipal Transportation Sector

In celebration of Earth Day and DEP's 50th Birthday, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection has announced that it is seeking to fund \$37.2 million worth of projects that convert old diesel trucks, buses, port equipment, marine vessels, and trains to electric power. The Department will also dedicate an additional \$7.6 million for electric vehicle charging infrastructure prioritizing DC fast chargers. Funding will be prioritized in disproportionately impacted communities. This opportunity supports the Sustainable Jersey for Schools [Sustainable Fleets action](#). To learn more about this opportunity, click [here](#).

Proposal Deadline: Monday, June 22, 2020

Other Upcoming Event

Resilient Design: Preparing School Buildings for a Changing Climate

The United States Green Building Council's Center for Green Schools will host this webinar focused

on resiliency and rebound from disaster in our schools. 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

[REGISTER](#)

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 (NJBPU) 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 adding 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.

Mark Your Calendars!

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

- **June 2:** Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools Facebook Live Event
- **June 22:** Final Application Deadline for 2020 Certification Cycle

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 or visit www.SustainableJerseySchools.com

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