



**352 Districts**

**968 Schools**

**Participating**

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## Final Certification Deadline Next Week!

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

### Certification Homestretch Webinar

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](#).

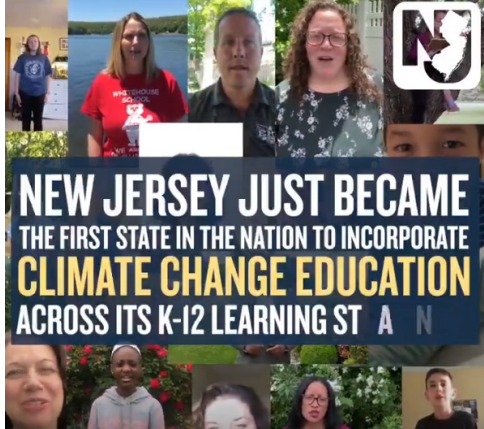


If you need help with the application process, check out our [Green Team Resources page](#), which includes our [Master Action Tracking Spreadsheet template](#) to help you keep track of your points, [Application User Guide](#) and [recorded certification webinars](#). If you have any further questions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

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## NJ Will Be First State in the Nation to Incorporate Climate Change Across Education Guidelines for K-12 Schools

First Lady Tammy Murphy announced that the New Jersey State Board of Education has adopted her initiative to make New Jersey the first state in the nation to incorporate climate change education across its K-12 learning standards. The New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) outline what is taught in New Jersey's public schools and set the foundation for school districts to craft instruction and curricula. Over the past year, the First Lady has met with the over 130 educators from across the state who have been charged with reviewing and revising the existing



student learning standards, a process that occurs every five years. Since 2018, the First Lady has visited elementary, middle, and high schools across the state that have already implemented strong climate change education and sustainability initiatives. These schools include Mount Arlington Public School, Whitehouse Elementary School, Millbridge Elementary School, George L. Catrambone School, Delran High School, Valleyview Middle School, J.V.B. Wicoff Elementary School, Egg Harbor Township High School, Alder Middle School, and Northern Burlington County Regional High School. All of these schools participate in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program. Read more [here](#).

## Climate Change Education Facebook Live Event

Next week tune in to the [New Jersey School Boards Association \(NJSBA\) Facebook page](#) for a special Facebook live session about the new Climate Change standards. This session will feature John Henry, STEAM and Sustainable Schools Specialist from NJSBA, Mike Heinz, Science Coordinator from NJ Department of Education, Heather McCall, Program Director of Sustainable Jersey for Schools along with educators who have experience infusing climate change knowledge into curriculum, instruction and assessment.

**Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 10:00am - 11:00 am**

## Sustainable Jersey for Schools Announces Grant Recipients

**Wall Township Public School District**  
Monmouth County

**Anthony Abeal**  
Principal  
West Belmar School

**Lettuce Hook You On Sustainability**  
The district will purchase an aquaponics garden system that will act as a hands-on STEAM-based teaching tool in the classroom. In addition to STEAM curriculum, students will learn about healthy food and hold a farmers market or donate the produce grown to the community.

On June 2, Sustainable Jersey for Schools announced the thirty New Jersey districts and schools selected to receive a Sustainable Jersey for Schools grant funded by the PSEG Foundation. Five \$10,000 grants and twenty-five \$2,000 grants were awarded to pre-K - 12 public schools and school districts across the state. The grants fund on-the-ground, sustainability and capacity building projects such as sustainable food production programs, waste reduction and recycling initiatives, health and wellness programs, outdoor classrooms and more.

To learn more about the projects awarded, click [here](#). To watch the virtual announcement event, click [here](#).

## Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools Program

Sustainable Jersey for Schools is pleased to announce the formation of the Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools Program. The program is funded in part by the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey School Boards Association and endorsed by [New Jersey Leadership for Educational Excellence](#). Education is a pillar of sustainability. Students must master technology to become productive citizens, educators must master technology to become effective teachers, and schools must become adept at using technology to address distance learning and communications with parents and communities. COVID-19 has also shown us how disparities in access to technology among students and schools are exacerbating existing social inequality. The Digital Schools Program

will provide schools, teachers, and parents with a roadmap for how to ensure technology is used appropriately to bring about a sustainable future. To learn more visit the [New Digital Schools Program page](#) on our website.

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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 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](http://bit.ly/empoweredhomeaudit).

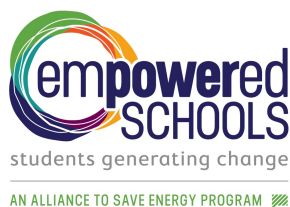
### Application Information

- Application Form: <http://bit.ly/empoweredapplication2020>
- Spots are limited so submit your application as soon as possible

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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## Welcome Newly-Registered Schools!

### Essex County

#### **Newark Public School District**

Ann Street Elementary School  
Bruce Street Elementary School  
Early Childhood Center Central  
Early Childhood Center North  
Early Childhood Center South  
Early Childhood Center West  
Early Childhood Academy West  
Malcolm X. Shabazz High School  
Salomé Ureña Elementary School  
Science High School  
Speedway Academies

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## Other Funding Opportunities

### DEADLINE EXTENDED for NJDEP to Fund \$45 Million in Electrification of Transportation Sector

In celebration of Earth Day and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's 50th Birthday, the Department 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. This funding can also be used to cover the cost of electric school buses. 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 EXTENDED: Wednesday, July 22, 2020**

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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.

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## Mark Your Calendars!

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

- **June 22:** Final Application Deadline for 2020 Certification Cycle
- **June 24:** NJSBA Climate Change Education Facebook Live Event

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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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