



# SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

204 Districts 501 Schools  
Participating

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## \$180,000 in Grants Now Available to Fund NJ School Sustainability Projects

Sustainable Jersey for Schools announces the availability of \$180,000 in new grants funded by the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA). This 2016 Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grants Program cycle funded by NJEA will award: **ten \$10,000** grants to school districts or schools and **forty \$2,000** grants to support school green teams. Applicants must be registered in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program which is free and voluntary. The funded projects will serve as practical and innovative models for the rest of the State and make measurable contributions toward the long-term goal of a sustainable New Jersey.

With this contribution NJEA has provided \$500,000 to support a sustainable future for children across the state through the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program.

Application deadline is **October 28, 2016**. Access the grant application [here](#). An informational webinar guiding applicants through the grants process will be held **September 14th** from 3-4 pm. Register [here](#).

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# 500



Sustainable Jersey for  
Schools Reaches New Milestone!  
500 Schools Pursuing Certification

Sustainable Jersey is proud to announce that 500 schools have registered for the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program. At the school district level, 204 districts, or one-third of the New Jersey school districts, have passed a resolution to participate in the program. Review the [list of the 500 schools](#) participating that are located in all 21 New Jersey counties. Read more about the growth of the program [here](#).

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## Upcoming Webinar: Lessons from the Field: EDF Fellows Document Progress

AUGUST 11, 2016 - 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM

[REGISTER](#)

This summer, with the help of funding from New Jersey Natural Gas, three townships and five school districts received an Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) Fellow to provide on-site technical assistance with advanced sustainable energy projects.

Learn how this unique opportunity helped host townships and school districts bridge the gap between available resources and energy-efficiency initiatives. They will share lessons learned that can help your community with actions in the Sustainable Jersey and Sustainable Jersey for Schools program

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## STEM Ecosystem Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

[The New Jersey STEM Pathways Network \(NJ SPN\)](#), initiated by the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education in 2014, invites proposals from school districts, communities, and regions across New Jersey to create integrated, inclusive, partnership-driven STEM Learning Ecosystems within their communities that will strengthen New Jersey's STEM climate statewide.

The NJ SPN seeks to support up to four local ecosystems in the form of comprehensive technical assistance, valued at \$60,000. Technical assistance for selected communities will be provided by [The Teaching Institute for Excellence in STEM \(TIES\)](#).

Competitive applicants will demonstrate the resources and design to engage with local and regional partners in education, business and industry, and STEM professions to create viable and sustainable STEM opportunities across the state of New Jersey. It is the intent of this program that the four ecosystems selected will be integrated into the statewide NJ SPN, which will in turn participate in a nationwide [STEM ecosystem](#) Community of Practice headed by the [STEM Funders Network](#). Through this local, state, and nationwide network of ecosystems, the NJ SPN will promote inclusion and cohesion between STEM initiatives across New Jersey.

Attend an informational webinar about this grant opportunity on **Tuesday August 16th from 10:00-11:30 am** register [here](#). Can't make the webinar? View an on demand recording [here](#).

**[Application Deadline:](#)** 5 pm EST on **Friday, September 9, 2016**

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## NJ Association of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance Mini Grants Now Available

NJAPERD's goal is to support quality program development in Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance in New Jersey's Pre-K - 12 schools and Colleges and Universities. The mini grant provides financial assistance up to \$1000 for new program development or to expand an existing program.

Grants may be used to purchase equipment, software, or other materials that focus on student learning in Health, Physical Education, Recreation or Dance.

## **Renewable Electric Storage Incentives Now Available for Schools through NJ's Clean Energy Program**

The Renewable Electric Storage Program provides financial incentives for electric energy storage systems that are integrated with Class 1 renewable energy projects installed behind-the-meter at non-residential customer sites. It seeks to benefit New Jersey ratepayers by supporting the installation of renewable electric storage systems in government, commercial, institutional and industrial entities for the purpose of providing emergency back-up power for essential services, offsetting peak loads by shifting electricity to hours of higher demand and/or helping to stabilize the electric distribution system through the provision of frequency regulation services. Find out how your school can participate [here](#).

### **Welcome Newly Registered Schools & Districts!**

#### **Cumberland County**

Thomas W. Wallace Jr. Middle School (Vineland)

#### **Gloucester County**

Caroline L Reutter Elementary School (Franklin)

Glassboro Intermediate School (Glassboro)

J. Harvey Rodgers School (Glassboro)

#### **Middlesex County**

**South Plainfield School District**

#### **Morris County**

Lakeview Elementary School (Denville)

**Netcong School District**

Netcong Elementary School (Netcong)

Roxbury High School

Valleyview Middle School (Denville)

#### **Sussex County**

Halsted Street Middle School (Newton)

### **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS**

**AUGUST 24, 2016 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM, TRENTON, NJ**

***NJ School Boards Association***

**[Making the Case for Sustainability: Energy Efficiency](#)**

***\*special Green Team group rate available- 3 team members for \$75***

**OCTOBER 20, 2016 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM, CHATHAM, NJ**

***NJ Department of Environmental Protection***

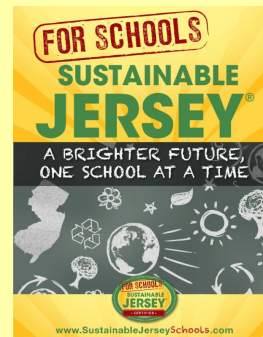
**[Project WET Curriculum Guide Workshops for Educators](#)**

**OCTOBER 20, 2016 8:00-5:00 PM NEWARK, NJ**



## Download Program Resources

- [Brochure](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [District Registration Instructions](#)
- [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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