



SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

278 Districts 692 Schools Participating

Free Resources and Simple Steps Towards Safer Routes to School for Your Students

Sustainable Jersey for Schools Session Spotlight
2017 New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA)
Workshop October 23-26, 2017 Atlantic City Convention Center

Workshop 2017 will feature Sustainable Jersey for Schools sessions on each day of Workshop along with NJSBA sustainability support programs for schools.



NJSBA member districts can send up to 18 attendees to Workshop as part of their membership package. Speak with your district business office to register as part of your district member group. For more information about NJSBA Workshop 2017 "Education for a Common Purpose", visit <http://workshop.njsba.org/>.

Review all of the Sustainable for Schools Workshops:
<http://ow.ly/P8la30fqZTi>

Session Spotlight: Free Resources & Simple Steps Towards Safer Routes to School for Your Students

Link: <http://sched.co/BJe1>

Where: NJSBA Workshop in Atlantic City, NJ

When: Thursday 10/26/17, 9:30-10:30, Room 418

Walking and bicycling to school is a healthy start to the day when students arrive ready to learn. Hear from schools that have made walking and bicycling to school a priority and received grant funding to make routes to school safer for their community. Schools will share their secrets to success and inspire your school to hold walk to school days and bike rodeos, create policies and plans, and apply for grant funding. Get the low down on free resources and technical assistance available to help you take simple steps toward safer routes for everyone. .5 BMA credit: .5 Green Leader credit



New Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Funding Available

The New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), as a Sustainable Jersey for Schools program Underwriter, is contributing \$180,000 to support a [Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grants Program cycle](#). With this contribution, NJEA has provided \$750,000 to support a sustainable future for children across the state.

The [2017 NJEA Schools Small Grants Program](#) cycle will award:

- Ten (10) \$10,000 project grants to school districts and schools

- Forty (40) \$2,000 grants to schools to support 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.

[APPLY ONLINE](#)

Deadline: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at midnight

View the recording of our informational webinar [here](#).



\$150,000 in Funding for Energy Projects: Funded by the Gardinier Environmental Fund

\$150,000 in grant money is now available to fund energy projects focused on energy conservation, efficiency and renewable energy. Grant proposals are being accepted from school districts registered with Sustainable Jersey. For this grant cycle, Sustainable Jersey is offering \$30,000 and \$10,000 grants.

DEADLINE: October 31st, midnight

For more information about the grant program and details on how to apply visit: <http://bit.ly/2017GardinierCycle> . View the recording of our informational webinar on this grant opportunity [here](#).

Make a Plan for Certification in 2018

194 schools across New Jersey have become certified in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program. Certification provides many benefits and sends a message about your school community. These resources will provide guidance with the application process and introduce new program actions:



Webinar: "Preparing for Certification" Wednesday October 18, 2017 3:00-4:00pm

Learn more about the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification process, navigating the application website and involving your green team for a successful certification application. Register [here](#).

Webinar: "New Actions & Updates for 2018" Thursday November 16, 2017 3:00-4:00pm

Join the Sustainable Jersey for Schools staff and members of the iSTEAM, Health & Wellness and Energy task force as we provide an overview of new program actions for the 2018 certification Cycle. Register [here](#).

Download the Sustainable Jersey for Schools 2018 Certification Cycle Timeline [here](#).

Welcome Newly Registered Schools!

[Bergen County](#)

Leonia Public School District

[Burlington County](#)

Mansfield Township Elementary School

[Ocean County](#)

Toms River-High School North



EPA 2017 School Bus Replacement and Retrofit Rebates

Deadline November 14th

This EPA rebate program encourages school bus fleet turnover so more children can ride buses with the cleanest emissions standards or buses that have been retrofitted to reduce emissions. The 2017 School Bus Rebate Program will provide over \$7 million to public and private fleet owners for the replacement or retrofit of older school buses. Up to \$1 million of the funding total will be available for retrofit funding requests in the selection process.

<https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-rebates>



Grants for K-12 Schools

Deadline 5pm ET November 3, 2017

The Nature Conservancy is awarding grants to support projects that implement green infrastructure to address local environmental challenges. These include: access to healthy food, air quality, heat island effect, climate change, and storm water collection. Young people will work as social innovators to help their communities through project design and implementation.

Grants of \$2,000 will be awarded to 60 public or charter schools across the United States. See the [detailed grant description](#) linked on this page for full requirements, guidelines, important dates, and online application information. Samples of an [application](#), an [applicant commitment letter](#), and an [administration letter of support](#) are also available. Visit the application website [here](#).



Funds to Support STEAM Education at your School

Deadline November 9th

A National contest designed to boost interest and proficiency in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM), through challenging public school teachers and students in grades 6-12 to show how STEAM can be applied to help improve their local community. Contest applicants will have a chance to win a share of \$2 million in Samsung technology* for their school throughout the competition. <http://www.samsung.com/us/solvefortomorrow/index.html>

New Jersey Natural Gas Annual Kids & Conservation Poster and Video Contests



11th Annual Poster Contest

The poster contest is open to fifth grade classes within NJNG's service territory.

Three students each will have a chance to win the following prizes:

- * An individual tablet
- * Exciting and interactive Brain Show school assembly
- * \$1,000 contribution to their school toward an energy or environmental conservation project
- * \$100 gift card for their teacher

Seventh Annual Video Contest

The video contest is open to high school students (13 years and older) in NJNG's service territory.

Students can submit videos as an individual or group project for a chance to win:

- * \$500 for an individual video project
- * \$2,500 for a group class or club project
- * \$1,000 contribution to their school toward an energy conservation or environmental project
- * \$500 for the Viewer's Choice Award (selected by the public on the Asbury Park Press Web site, app.com)

[Click here](#) for additional information, fliers and rules. All entries need to be received by November 17, 2017.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

PEOSH/NJADP STATEWIDE INDOOR AIR QUALITY TRAINING (Free)

Oct 27, 2017 8am-12:30 Washington, NJ

Nov 17, 2017 8am-12:30 Waretown, NJ

Dec 15, 2017 8am-12:30 Metuchen, NJ

View 2017-2018 Schedule [here](#)

EPA "KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION" ON DEMAND INDOOR AIR QUALITY WEBINARS

Recordings available [here](#).

Topics include: Gaining Buy-in for Optimal Ventilation, Mold Moisture & Money, Using Data to Address Asthma in Schools Healthy Schools & Healthy Students: Improving IAQ.

UPCOMING LIVE WEBINAR November 9, 2017 1:00-2:00pm "A Proactive Approach to IAQ: Saving Monday & Protecting Health with Preventative Maintenance" Register [here](#).

EPA SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT WEB ACADEMY

On Demand Food Waste & Recycling Webinars available [here](#).

NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (NAAEE)

[Free Monthly Webinar Series, live & recorded \(ongoing\)](#)

Topics include: Systems Thinking, Diversity & Inclusion in Environmental Education, Telling Your Story with Web Mapping Technology, and more!

Upcoming Live Webinars in the series

NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

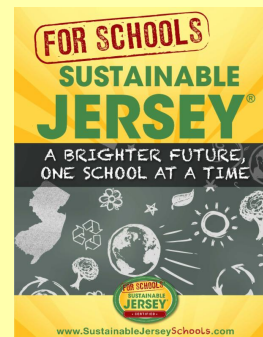
March 15, 9:00-3:00pm at NJSBA Headquarters, Trenton

[Sustainable Practices Working Session](#)

Participants will review a Sustainability Wellness Check, which will be in alignment with the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program. Board members will receive four board member academy credits and four sustainability credits for participation in this working session. NJSBA, in cooperation with the NJ Department of Education (NJDOE) and the NJ School Building and Grounds Association, is offering six Continuing Education Credits (#CE-00084) toward certification for schools facilities managers attending this program. Attendance can also contribute toward the sustainability training totals for Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification.

Download Program Resources

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



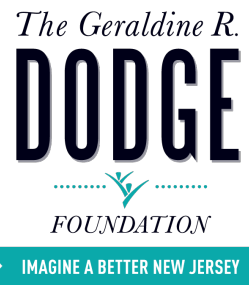
We hope you will join us to take steps to create a brighter future, one school at a time! If you have questions, email us at schools@sustainablejersey.com or visit www.SustainableJerseySchools.com.

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