



# SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

277 Districts    688 Schools    Participating



## 91 SCHOOLS ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS CERTIFICATION IN 2017!

Sustainable Jersey for Schools has announced the 91 schools that achieved the prestigious Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. The 91 kindergarten through twelfth-grade schools come from 43 different school districts across 18 New Jersey counties. In three years, 194 schools have achieved Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. A total of 679 schools and 273 school districts are participating in the program overall. Schools will be honored at the Sustainable Jersey for Schools awards ceremony on October 24th at the [NJSBA Workshop](#) in Atlantic City. Read more and see the list [here](#).

Interested in Getting Certified in 2018? Check out the application submission timeline [here](#). Need more information? Join us for a "Preparing for Certification" webinar on October 18th at 3pm. Register [here](#).

Sustainable Jersey for Schools  
Sessions at the 2017 New Jersey  
School Boards Association (NJSBA)  
Workshop



Oct 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 Jersey for Schools Workshops [here](#).

**Sustainable Jersey for Schools SESSION SPOTLIGHT for Tuesday, 10/24/17:**  
11:00-12:00, Room 418: Funding Your Sustainability Initiatives

Sustainable Jersey for Schools has provided over one million dollars in Small Grants to participating schools. Learn about the exciting projects being undertaken by schools & districts and how your district can obtain funding for sustainability projects

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### 2:30-3:30, Room 418: Sustainability Champions

Learn from schools and districts in the forefront of sustainability. This session will highlight best practices and case studies from award winning districts and schools participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program.

### 4:00-5:00, Room 418: Behavioral Changes or Building Upgrades? Two Paths to Energy Efficiency in Your District

This session will focus on two different but often complementary approaches to saving energy and money in your schools. Come hear about the impressive results achieved through the PowerSave Schools program that demonstrates the effectiveness of behavioral changes on energy savings in schools. Sustainable Jersey is working to turn the results of this program into a new action for schools.



## 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](#).

## Welcome Newly Registered Schools!

**Cumberland County**  
Millville School District

**Somerset County**  
Orchard Hill Elementary School (Montgomery)

**Ocean County**

Pine Beach Elementary School (Toms River)  
Toms River- Intermediate East

**Warren County**

Knowlton Township School District

**September 2017 Sustainability Hero**



The September 2017 Sustainability Hero is Sandy Sandmeyer-Bryan, an educator and green team coordinator at Cape May City Elementary School. Read about how Sandy has made an impact in the school, the community and in the personal lives of Cape May residents. See how a wind turbine, an edible garden, Education for Sustainability, the U.S. Coast Guard and the solar eclipse fit into the story. Read her story: <http://ow.ly/tBsa30eVFCZ>

To capture 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](#) and e-mail it to us at [info@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:info@sustainablejersey.com).

**NJ Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance Mini Grants**



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. Grants may not be used for salary, honorarium, food, travel, accommodations or convention registration.

**Deadline: September 30th** For more information visit [NJAPERD's website](#).

**Toolbox for Education® Grants**



The [Lowe's Charitable & Educational Foundation](#) provides funding opportunities for public schools for the following categories: technology upgrades, tools for STEM programs, facility renovations and safety improvements. Toolbox grant requests can range from \$2,000 to \$100,000. Applications are due **September 29th**. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Additional Field Trip Funding Available for 2017**

The Field Trip New Jersey fund is re-opening its application process, with additional funding available for field trips taking place in 2017. If you missed the original deadline, or are learning about this opportunity for the first time, now is your chance to seize a unique opportunity for your students.

To apply, [click here](#). The deadline is **October 15th**, with grant announcements





## Get Recognized! Applications now open for statewide awards programs & contests

The [Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards](#) honor and recognize individuals, businesses, educators, institutions, communities, youth and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey. To date, 160 award winners have been recognized since the program was established in 2000. Applications are due **September 29th**. Click [here](#) for more information.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

### ALLIANCE FOR NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (ANJEE) Autumn Conference

Sept. 29, 2017 at Duke Farms, Hillsborough

["From Inspiration to Impact in the Outdoors"](#)

### NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Oct 12, 9:00-3:00pm at NJSBA Headquarters, Trenton

["Sustainable Practices Working Sessions"](#)

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. This session will be offered again [March 15, 2018](#).

### 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.

### 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!

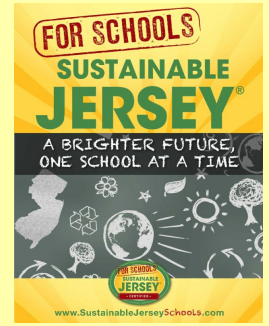
Upcoming Live Webinars in the series

**September 28, 4:00pm "Go Far, Walk Together: Community Engagement as Transformative Practice"**

Register [here](#).

## 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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