

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

302 Districts 778 Schools Participating



August Sustainability Hero - John Henry

John Henry (far right in photo) is a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) and Sustainable Schools Specialist at the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA). His passion for sustainability shines through the training workshops he develops, the projects he manages and the time he spends with school districts to promote healthier schools at lower operating costs. He has devoted the last fifteen years to advancing sustainability across a broad range of educational venues from K-12 schools, colleges and universities, government agencies and state departments of education.

John values collaboration and is known for his determination and drive. These qualities most likely stem from his early focus on playing competitive sports. "Sustainability is not an option; it's not an add on," John explained. "The way we do business, in every area of education and schools--we need to be sustainable, and to take it one step more, we need to be regenerative. My goal is for all of the schools in New Jersey to include sustainable and regenerative thinking into their strategic plans, policies and curriculum. And, the good news is that kids love working on the sustainability actions," he added.

Read more about John and his significant contributions to the sustainability movement in New Jersey [here](#).



Strategically Maximizing the Energy Efficiency of Your District Building Portfolio Webinar: August 14, 2018, 1:00-2:00 PM

Combining New Jersey's Clean Energy Program (NJCEP) incentives with a strategic vision can help schools and municipalities finance energy efficiency upgrades to their facilities. Planning efforts can start with Energy Tracking and Management to highlight current energy use. The

next steps involve assessing energy upgrade projects and identifying available incentives from both NJCEP and utilities that can help bring projects from planning to implementation.

For the past four summers, Sustainable Jersey has partnered with New Jersey Natural Gas and the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) to provide onsite technical energy assistance to local officials. This program has matched highly trained EDF Fellows with New Jersey schools and municipalities to identify energy savings opportunities through an individualized strategic approach.

Join us for this one hour webinar as our 2018 EDF Fellows guide you through the process they used to help their clients address unique energy needs. Learn how measuring current energy use and planning for energy efficiency can help your school or municipality identify opportunities for leveraging NJCEP and utility incentives to maximize potential energy savings -- and cost savings -- for your facilities.

Speakers:

Lauren Kaapcke, EDF Fellow for Asbury Park, Freehold Boro, and Neptune Township
Sage Lang, EDF Fellow for Little Egg Harbor Township School District, Ocean Gate Boro, and Little Egg Harbor Township
Erin Lannon, EDF Fellow for Jackson Township School District, Point Pleasant Beach Boro, and Lake Como Boro

Please invite your colleagues and join us! To register, click [here](#).



September Certification Webinar Series

For those looking ahead to 2019 bronze or silver certification, mark your calendars for our fall webinar series!

[September 12, 3-4pm Navigating the Application:](#)

Learn more about the Sustainable Jersey for Schools application website and certification process. Participants will learn how to add users, upload documentation, and use application features to track progress towards certification.

[September 19, 3-4pm Preparing for Certification:](#)

Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification is good for three years at a time. If you are one of over 30 schools with a certification expiring in August 2019, you will want to attend this informative webinar on the re-certification process. Participants will learn how to determine which actions need to be updated for re-certification and how to make a game plan for maintaining Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification for 2019 and beyond!

[September 27, 3-4pm Strategizing for Silver Certification:](#)

Sustainable Jersey for Schools Bronze certification is just the beginning of your school's sustainability journey! Learn how to make a plan to take your certification to the next level and get recognized for Silver certification (350 points and up)

ARTS ED SUMMER

Let's Get Ready **2018** for September!

Add Your Arts Education Events
Find Arts Education Events

This summer, arts education advocates all over the state are gearing up to launch "Arts in Education Week" Sept 9-15 (and throughout September). Visit the [Arts Ed Now website](#) for more information on how you can become a change agent for arts education!

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

New Jersey Technology & Engineering Educators Association (NJTEEA)- STEM Bootcamp
August 14, 8:30-12pm Madison Jr High School STEM Facility, Madison NJ

A workshop on adaptive design based learning. Topics include: Design based learning, real-world challenges, safety, facility design, curriculum design, clubs, and cross-collaboration between cores and electives. Registration \$15. [Register here.](#)

ANJEE Fall Conference - "Imagine a World Outdoors"

September 28, 8:00-4:30pm Duke Farms Coach Barn Hillsborough, NJ

For more than three decades ANJEE has organized one of the leading annual conferences for environmental professionals in NJ designed to promote innovation, networking, learning and dissemination of best practices. This fall's conference will be All Outdoors, ZERO Powerpoint, Maximum Inspiration. Register [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 \(ongoing\)](#)

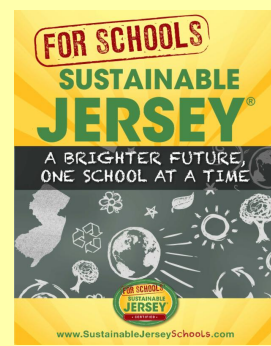
Topics include: Systems Thinking, Diversity & Inclusion in Environmental Education, Telling Your Story with Web Mapping Technology, and more!

Upcoming Live Webinars in the series



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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