

# Sustainable Jersey for Schools Sessions

## New Jersey School Boards Association



October 24-26 | Atlantic City Convention Center

**Monday, October 24, 2022: 10:00 AM-10:50 AM Room: 321**  
**Getting Help from Sustainable Jersey Technical Assistance**

Sustainable Jersey's technical assistance (TA) program gives districts hands-on support to help complete Sustainable Jersey energy actions, including the Energy Tracking and Management and the Energy Efficiency for Facilities actions. This session will feature school representatives sharing their experiences with TA for energy projects. *QPA - 1 Green Purchasing, BMA - .5*

**Monday, October 24, 2022: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Room: 305**  
**Navigating the Sustainable Jersey Grants Program**

The Sustainable Jersey Grants Program offers annual grants ranging from \$2K to \$10K that can be used to advance sustainability initiatives in public schools. This Action Lab provides an overview of funding opportunities and how to apply, along with tips for crafting an effective proposal. *BMA - 1, QPA - 1 Green Purchasing*

**Monday, October 24, 2022: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Room: 305**  
**How to Implement Community-Based Climate Change Education**

Empower students to take action to combat climate change by using your district's buildings and grounds as learning laboratories. We'll explore how to forge partnerships with educational institutions, government agencies, and environmental organizations. *BMA - 1*

**Monday, October 24, 2022: 3:10 PM-4:00 PM Room: 321**  
**Reducing Food Waste, Addressing Hunger, Saving Money**

Sustainable Jersey has partnered with Rutgers Cooperative Extension to study and test best practices for reducing school food waste in three public school districts. Discover lessons learned from food waste audits, education, and operational changes to food service and waste management in efforts to cut waste from school meals. *QPA - 1 Green Purchasing, BMA - .5*

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Room: 315**  
**Energy Management: Best Practices to Cut Usage and Save Money**

In this workshop, successful energy management staff will highlight energy management best practices and strategies to save energy and money, while improving indoor air quality and making school facilities more comfortable. The workshop will include an overview of funding options and incentive programs. *BMA - 1, QPA - 1 Procurement Procedures*

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022: 12:15 PM - 1:45 PM**  
**Investors Bank Theater, Exhibit Floor**  
**SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS**  
**2022 CERTIFICATION AWARDS**

Join us for the 2022 Sustainable Jersey for Schools awards ceremony on the Main Stage, October 25 at 12:15 PM. We will recognize 158 schools that earned bronze and silver certification, 13 schools that earned a Digital Schools Star, as well as recipients of the Sustainability Champion and Sustainability Makes Sense awards.

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022: 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM Room: 421**  
**School Buildings and Grounds as Sustainability Learning Labs**

School buildings and grounds provide opportunities to engage students, staff and the community in real-world learning about sustainable practices. Learn how the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program promotes this approach with examples from schools that include initiatives for energy conservation, waste management, and gardening. *QPA - 1 Green Purchasing, BMA - .5*

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022: 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM Room: 313**  
**Digital Citizenship: Navigating the Digital World**

Preparing students for success as digital learners, leaders, and citizens is a fundamental responsibility of public education. Learn the core elements of a comprehensive digital citizenship program and hear from Readington Township Public Schools and Essex County Schools of Technology on how they developed and implemented their plans. *BMA - .5*

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022: 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM Room: 421**  
**Free Resources for Implementing Climate Change Education**

The climate change components of the K-12 New Jersey Student Learning Standards, adopted in 2020, equip students to combat climate issues, thrive in a green economy, and lead the state in building a sustainable future. See how to implement standards and get resources for professional learning, lesson planning, and community-based education; and learn the role your board can play. *BMA - .5*

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022: 1:45 PM - 2:35 PM Room: 304**  
**Supporting Student Social Emotional Needs in Today's Schools**

Emerging from a pandemic, how can we ensure that everyone is ready to thrive in today's school environments? Learn about using data-driven approaches for the integration of inclusive climate and culture, with examples from New Jersey schools. *BMA - .5*

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022: 1:45 PM - 2:35 PM Room: 401**  
**Get Plugged in to Electric School Buses**

Prepare to make the transition to electric buses. Learn how to assess bus routes and your existing fleet so you know which buses to replace. Learn about state and federal incentives, and guidance on installing the EV charging infrastructure needed for electric buses. *CEFM - 1, QPA - 1 Green Purchasing, BMA - .5*