



## Sustainable Jersey for Schools 2017 NJSBA Conference Presentations

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### [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. The session will also highlight the multitude of opportunities and financial incentives available for districts to make facilities upgrades that will reduce energy use over the long-term.

### [Building a Culture to Help Students Succeed in School and Life](#)

To succeed in school and life, students need to be given opportunities for developing strong social and emotional skills. Research shows that students in schools with a positive culture and climate and that are focused on social and emotional learning, have fewer behavior problems and higher levels of academic achievement. Learn best practices for assessing your school environment and implementing strategies to help your students thrive – emotionally, socially, physically and academically – and develop the skills needed to be employable, successful and happy adults.

### [Dig In! How Waste Audits Can Improve Your Recycling Rate](#)

In order for a school facility to proceed with a waste reduction and recycling plan it must first identify materials that need to be reduced, recycled, re-purposed, or disposed of. A comprehensive waste audit establishes a baseline for all other waste management actions at both individual schools and school districts. Learn about the process of conducting a waste audit and how the results can be used to improve your school or school district's recycling rate.

### [Free Resources & Simple Steps Toward Safer Routes to School for Your Students](#)

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.

### [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.

### [Sustainability Champions](#)

Leaders from the Long Branch School District shared stories, videos and best practices from their three champion schools. Sustainable Jersey for Schools Sustainability Champions are certified schools that have earned the most points in their category for that certification year.