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# TABERNAACLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

132 New Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088

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Glenn Robbins, Superintendent of Schools

## Tabernacle Elementary School Achieves Silver Sustainability Certification

**Tabernacle, NJ** – Tabernacle Elementary School in the Tabernacle School District has met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey for Schools Silver Certification. This school forms a part of a group of 111 schools that achieved the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification in 2018. A total of 779 schools and 303 school districts are participating in the program overall. **Tabernacle Elementary is the only school in Burlington County to receive this high certification.**

“We applaud the schools that have achieved certification this year. Their leadership and hard work will help New Jersey continue to evolve through their advancement of equitable, sustainable and innovative practices,” said Randall Solomon, executive director of Sustainable Jersey. “Becoming certified with Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a significant achievement for schools and their school district.”

Sustainable Jersey for Schools, a program for pre-kindergarten through twelfth-grade public schools in New Jersey, is voluntary, but achieving certification is not easy. Each school that is certified must submit documentation to show it has completed a balanced portfolio of the program’s [sustainability actions](#). With most actions worth ten points each, bronze-level certification requires a minimum of 150 points and silver-level certification requires a minimum of 350 points. Over 3,048 sustainability actions were completed by schools and districts participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program—from performing energy audits and boosting recycling efforts to integrating sustainability into student learning and promoting student and staff wellness.

“Sustainable schools provide a healthy environment, conserve resources and continually improve the well-being of the community. We are proud of the leadership of the boards of education and their superintendents, as well as the contributions of principals, teachers, education support professionals and parents in this effort,” said Dr. Lawrence S. Feinsod, New Jersey School Boards Association executive director. “Congratulations to the 111 schools that achieved Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification in 2018.” On October 23, 2018, the certified schools and their districts will be celebrated at a reception held during NJSBA Workshop 2018 in Atlantic City. Workshop 2018 will feature Sustainable Jersey for Schools sessions along with NJSBA sustainability support programs for schools.

### ***About Sustainable Jersey for Schools***

Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a certification program for public schools in New Jersey. It was launched by Sustainable Jersey, a nonprofit organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support and reward municipalities and schools as they pursue sustainability programs. To date, 303 school districts and 779 schools are participating in the program.

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