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83 New Jersey Schools Achieve Sustainability Certification

Sustainable Jersey for Schools announces the schools that have achieved the sustainability certification in 2016

Ewing, NJ – Sustainable Jersey for Schools announced today the 83 schools that achieved the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. The 83 schools come from 24 different school districts across 13 New Jersey counties. In two years, 118 schools have achieved Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. A total of 509 schools and 204 school districts are participating in the program overall.

Sustainable Jersey for Schools is voluntary, but achieving certification is not easy. Each school that is certified at the bronze-level must submit documentation to show it has completed a balanced portfolio of the program's sustainability actions, attaining a minimum of 150 points. "Becoming certified with Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a significant achievement for schools and their school district," said Donna Drewes who co-directs Sustainable Jersey with Randall Solomon. "We're thrilled with the number of schools that achieved certification and we share this success with the eight partner organizations that have joined us in this effort."

Five schools achieved certification at the more advanced silver-level, these stand-out schools include: Cape May City Elementary School (Cape May City School District), H. Russell Swift Elementary School and Egg Harbor Township High School (Egg Harbor Township School District), Holland Township Elementary School (Holland Township School District) and Reeds Road Elementary School (Galloway Township School District). Silver-level certification requires that a school reach a minimum of 350 points.

Principal Dr. Bill Zipparo of Reeds Road Elementary School in Galloway Township said, "Nothing in life is difficult, things only take time. And most people have a tendency to equate putting in time with something being difficult. At Reeds Road School this was our approach to earning the silver-level certification. Yes, it took time but everyone worked as a team to produce this wonderful sustainable program. The K-6 students were so excited to place their compost in the bins at lunch and record which composting bin was working the best. The knowledge that the students gained through this initiative will be long lasting and will certainly carry over as the years unfold at our school. We were truly fortunate to have had this opportunity to make our world a little bit greener."

The Sustainable Jersey for Schools program partners include: New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA), New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA), New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO), New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), New Jersey Parent Teacher Association (NJPTA), New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association (NJPSA), New Jersey School Buildings and Grounds Association (NJSBGA) and The Sustainability Institute at The College of New Jersey.

"We are proud of the leadership provided by the boards of education and their superintendents, as well as the contributions of principals, teachers, education support professionals and parents, that made this important milestone a reality," said Dr. Lawrence S. Feinsod, New Jersey School Boards Association executive director. "We congratulate the schools on achieving Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification." On October 25, 2016, the certified schools and school districts will be celebrated at a reception held during NJSBA Workshop 2016 in Atlantic City. Workshop 2016 will feature Sustainable Jersey for Schools sessions along with NJSBA sustainability support programs for schools.

County	2016 Certified Schools	School District	Level
Atlantic	Alder Avenue Middle School	Egg Harbor Township	Bronze
Atlantic	Clayton J. Davenport Elementary School	Egg Harbor Township	Bronze
Atlantic	Dr. Joy Miller Elementary School	Egg Harbor Township	Bronze
Atlantic	E.H. Slaybaugh Elementary School	Egg Harbor Township	Bronze
Atlantic	Eagle Academy	Egg Harbor Township	Bronze

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Atlantic	<i>Egg Harbor Township High School</i>	Egg Harbor Township	<i>Silver</i>
Atlantic	Fernwood Middle School	Egg Harbor Township	Bronze
Atlantic	<i>H. Russell Swift Elementary School</i>	Egg Harbor Township	<i>Silver</i>
Atlantic	Folsom Elementary School	Folsom Borough	Bronze
Atlantic	<i>Reeds Road Elementary School</i>	Galloway Township	<i>Silver</i>
Bergen	Bergenfield High School	Bergenfield Borough	Bronze
Burlington	Delran High School	Delran Township	Bronze
Burlington	Kenneth R. Olson Middle School	Tabernacle Township	Bronze
Burlington	Tabernacle Elementary School	Tabernacle Township	Bronze
Camden	Highland High School	Black Horse Pike Regional	Bronze
Camden	Timber Creek High School	Black Horse Pike Regional	Bronze
Camden	Triton High School	Black Horse Pike Regional	Bronze
Cape May	<i>Cape May City Elementary School</i>	<i>Cape May City</i>	<i>Silver</i>
Cape May	West Cape May Elementary School	West Cape May Elementary	Bronze
Essex	Jefferson Elementary School	South Orange Maplewood	Bronze
Essex	Seth Boyden Elementary School	South Orange Maplewood	Bronze
Essex	Tuscan Elementary School	South Orange Maplewood	Bronze
Essex	Edgemont Elementary School	Montclair	Bronze
Hudson	Hoboken High School	Hoboken	Bronze
Hudson	Joseph F. Brandt No. 2 Elementary School	Hoboken	Bronze
Hudson	Salvatore R. Calabro School	Hoboken	Bronze
Hudson	Thomas G. Connors Elementary School	Hoboken	Bronze
Hudson	Wallace No. 6 Elementary School	Hoboken	Bronze
Hunterdon	<i>Holland Township Elementary School</i>	<i>Holland Township</i>	<i>Silver</i>
Hunterdon	Kingwood Township Elementary School	Kingwood Township	Bronze
Middlesex	Bartle Elementary School	Highland Park	Bronze
Middlesex	Highland Park High School	Highland Park	Bronze
Middlesex	Highland Park Middle School	Highland Park	Bronze
Middlesex	Irving Primary School	Highland Park	Bronze
Middlesex	Edgar Middle School	Metuchen	Bronze
Middlesex	Campbell Elementary School	Metuchen	Bronze
Monmouth	A.A. Anastasia Elementary School	Long Branch	Bronze
Monmouth	Audrey W. Clark Elementary School	Long Branch	Bronze
Monmouth	George L. Catrambone Elementary School	Long Branch	Bronze
Monmouth	Gregory Elementary School	Long Branch	Bronze
Monmouth	Joseph M. Ferraina Childhood Learning Center	Long Branch	Bronze
Monmouth	Lenna W. Conrow Elementary School	Long Branch	Bronze
Monmouth	Long Branch High School	Long Branch	Bronze
Monmouth	Long Branch Middle School	Long Branch	Bronze
Monmouth	Morris Avenue Elementary School	Long Branch	Bronze
Morris	Central Avenue Elementary School	Madison Public	Bronze
Morris	Mendham Township Elementary School	Mendham Township	Bronze
Morris	Canfield Avenue Elementary School	Mine Hill Township	Bronze
Morris	Mount Arlington Public Elementary School	Mount Arlington	Bronze
Ocean	Lake Riviera Middle School	Brick Township	Bronze
Passaic	Christopher Columbus Middle School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Clifton High School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Clifton High School Annex	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Number 1 Elementary School	Clifton	Bronze

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Passaic	Number 2 Elementary School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Number 3 Elementary School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Number 4 Elementary School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Number 5 Elementary School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Number 8 Elementary School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Number 9 Elementary School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Number 11 Elementary School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Number 12 Elementary School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Number 12 Annex Elementary School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Number 13 Elementary School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Number 14 Elementary School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Number 15 Elementary School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Number 16 Elementary School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Number 17 Elementary School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Clifton	Bronze
Passaic	Albert P. Terhune Elementary School	Wayne Township	Bronze
Passaic	Anthony Wayne Middle School	Wayne Township	Bronze
Passaic	Fallon Elementary School	Wayne Township	Bronze
Passaic	George Washington Middle School	Wayne Township	Bronze
Passaic	John F. Kennedy Elementary School	Wayne Township	Bronze
Passaic	Lafayette Elementary School	Wayne Township	Bronze
Passaic	Packanack Elementary School	Wayne Township	Bronze
Passaic	Pines Lake Elementary School	Wayne Township	Bronze
Passaic	Randall Carter Elementary School	Wayne Township	Bronze
Passaic	Ryerson Elementary School	Wayne Township	Bronze
Passaic	Schuyler-Colfax Middle School	Wayne Township	Bronze
Passaic	Theunis Dey Elementary School	Wayne Township	Bronze
Passaic	Wayne Hills High School	Wayne Township	Bronze
Passaic	Wayne Valley High School	Wayne Township	Bronze

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, nonpartisan organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support and reward municipalities and schools as they pursue sustainability programs.

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