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Egg Harbor Township School District to Receive the 2020 Green Team Collaboration Award & Bronze Recertification Through 2023

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ – In recognition of the district's efforts to advance sustainability beyond school ground borders and to undertake substantial projects in partnership with the Township's Municipal Green Team, Egg Harbor Township School District will receive the **2020 Green Team Collaboration Award** presented at the 2020 Sustainable Jersey for Schools Virtual Awards Ceremony from 3:30 – 5 pm on Wednesday, October 28.

Some of the projects that contributed to the award is the Catawba Project environmental education program serving district students in grades K - 8, the Community Teaching Garden located on the grounds of the Greate Egg Harbour Historical Society, and the work completed at the Egg Harbor Township Nature Reserve by Catawba Project and Eagle Academy students.

Three Egg Harbor Township teachers not only serve on the district's Green Team, but also serve on the Municipal Green Team including John Jones, 6th Grade Science and Social Studies Teacher at Alder Avenue Middle School; Christa Delaney, AP Environmental Science and Advanced Biology Teacher at Egg Harbor Township High School; and Jim House, Environmental Science Teacher at Egg Harbor Township High School.

All eight Egg Harbor Township Schools will also be honored as Bronze recipients at the October 28 Virtual Awards Ceremony, after the district met the rigorous application requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey for Schools re-certification through 2023. They are among only 15 individual schools in Atlantic County to receive certification during this cycle. Other local recipient schools are:

Absegami High School, Cedar Creek High School, Dawes Avenue Elementary and New York Avenue Schools (Somers Point), **Oakcrest High School, Pennsylvania Avenue School** (Atlantic City), and **Smithville Elementary School**.

“I commend the teachers, administrators, staff, parents and students for their commitment and vision for the future. Becoming certified with Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a significant achievement and these schools are leading the way to a more sustainable New Jersey, right when we need it the most,” said Randall Solomon, executive director of Sustainable Jersey.

Once certified, schools receive tools and training, and gain access to grant opportunities funded by PSEG Foundation, NJEA, and the NJ Department of Health that support and grow their sustainability programs.

Over the years, district staff members have secured \$30,000 in Sustainable Jersey for Schools grants, including the top prize of \$10,000 in 2015 for their ‘No Foam Cafeteria Zone’ pilot program spearheaded by students to protect the environment and save district trash-hauling costs by attempting to reduce/eliminate the use of Styrofoam cafeteria trays and food containers in every school.

Past Sustainable Jersey awards received by the district include: *Sustainable Champions* - Egg Harbor Township High School (2015 & 2016) and Alder Avenue Middle School (2016); *Sustainability Leadership Award* in 2015 for being the first district to have all schools certified in the inaugural year of the program; and the *Sustainability Hero Award* in 2016.

To register to ‘attend’ the virtual award ceremony, visit:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=e4svgyeab&oeidk=a07ehatb0lifd376459>

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, an organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support and reward municipalities and schools as they pursue sustainability programs. To date, 352 school districts and 969 schools are participating in the program. The full list of participating and certified schools and school districts is available: [Participating Districts and Schools](#). Sustainable Jersey for Schools has awarded over \$2.2 million in grants to schools and school districts. For more information on Sustainable Jersey for Schools, visit: www.SustainableJerseySchools.com.

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