



Participation in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification Program

Whereas: The Township of Union Board of Education seeks to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools to focus attention and efforts on matters of sustainability and pursue initiatives that will lead to Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification.

Whereas - The Township of Union Board of Education and the District Superintendent seek to support and work with school staff and administrators, students, and parents to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students by encouraging our school community to implement sustainable, energy-smart, eco-friendly, and cost-effective solutions.

Whereas - Extensive opportunities exist to teach students about ecological, economic, and social sustainability, environmental health, and nutrition; to integrate sustainability education into classroom learning; and to support students in becoming leaders in making their schools healthier and more sustainable places.

Whereas - Many options and choices exist for schools to use resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse, and recycle; to follow Green Building Standards for construction and major renovations; to form school partnerships; to eliminate toxic chemicals; to purchase (or produce) clean energy; and to purchase recycled paper, energy-efficient equipment and other green products to protect our global environment.

Whereas - Sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money, and reducing our impact on the environment, all of which will ensure the future health, safety, and prosperity of our children.

Whereas - The Township of Union Board of Education commits to the formation of at least one Sustainability Leadership Team (also referred to as "Green Team"), based on the guidance of Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

Whereas - Green Team members help schools adopt policies and practices addressing areas such as sustainability education, professional training, green purchasing, waste reduction, indoor air quality, energy-saving initiatives, and community partnerships.

Whereas - The Township of Union Board of Education will encourage Green Teams at all district schools by providing networking and educational opportunities.

Therefore, it is resolved that the Township of Union Board of Education agrees to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools, and it is the board's intention to pursue certification for schools in the district.

We hereby appoint Dr. Jose Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, to be the district's liaison to Sustainable Jersey for Schools.



TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DR. GERRY BENAQUISTA
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

We do hereby recognize the Township of Union Public School(s), Union High School, Burnet Middle School, Kaweemeh Middle School, Jefferson Elementary School, Battle Hill Elementary School, Connecticut Farms Elementary School, Franklin Elementary School, Hannah Caldwell Elementary School, Livingston Elementary School, Washington Elementary Schools I as the agent(s) to carry out our commitment to building a sustainable school district through the implementation of Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions.

We agree to complete district actions and to support the district's schools in completing their actions.

Signature of President of the Board of Education

Date

Signature of District Superintendent

Date

Signature of Business Administrator

Date
