Beyond the Resolution
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Objectives
- Understand why resolutions are a key step towards whole school sustainability
- Understand what other steps board members can take to ensure ongoing sustainable actions creating healthier learning environments at lower operating cost
- Understand why sustainability is a strategic way to lower operational cost, engage students and create healthy learning environments
- Discuss examples of strategies
- Learn how to align strategies with the SJ4S certification program

What is a Green School?
School as a teaching tool and guide for learning in the community. Sustainable schools = sustainable communities. You transform a school and create a ripple effect and places schools a positive component within the community.

Sustainable Schools become the focal point of the community serving as a multi-purpose facility and educating the next generation of environmental stewards and promoting the next generation of green collar workers.
A board resolution is a motion or a commitment that follows a set format and is formally adopted by the board. Resolutions may enact rules, regulations and programs or formalize other types of board decisions.
What can you do as a Board Member, beyond the Resolution to support Sustainability?

Create district goals and adopt policies that give the district direction to set priorities and achieve its goals, in the areas of:

- Instruction
- Personnel
- General administration
- Fiscal and business management
- Physical plant and community relations

Provide for a program of quality instruction by adopting:

- Curriculum standards as academic goals for students aligned to Education for Sustainability
- Assessing district and personnel needs to ensure student achievement of the standards aligned specifically to college and career readiness and provide the skills they will need to survive in An unsustainable global economy.
- Supporting professional development training for staff aligned to sustainability instruction and requiring reports on the results of student assessment.
Provide for two-way communication between community and board by…

- Informing the public about the schools' sustainability programs and initiatives and how it will impact students
- Promoting parents’ presence at sustainability school functions
- Evaluating the chief school administrator on how effectively parental input is solicited
- And working to secure public support for the schools and public understanding of school goals in the areas of sustainability

Provide for the effective management of the school by…

- Employing and evaluating the chief school administrator’s understanding of effective implementation of sustainable school practices
- Establishing policies for monitoring of district finance, curriculum, buildings and grounds, and personnel and requiring reports on the results of policy implementation of sustainability

Examples of Greening your District Goals?
Low impact goals vs. sustainable, strategic, intentional and measurable

If your goal is...
Assess and revise communication methods to improve public awareness.

Green Goal...
support and encourage sustainable behaviors in our schools and the community through consistent and transparent communication along with ongoing Education for Sustainability.

If your goal is...
Enhance District Culture and Climate to foster student achievement and recognition through collaboration with all stakeholders.

Green Goal...
Strategically enhance district Culture and Climate by collaborating with the local community that aligns and shares sustainability values, social norms and best practices creating a healthier and more efficient living and learning environment for all.
If your goal is…
Continue to monitor and improve student achievement in a rapidly growing and diverse population.

**Green Goal…**
Include students in the whole-school greening process of the school as a hands-on, project-based method to increase student engagement, workplace readiness skills and student achievement.

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If your goal is…
Investigate the use of space to improve community involvement.

**Green Goal…**
Conduct a sustainability audit including investigating the joint use of the school building to encourage community engagement in the development or modification of the district's strategic plan.

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Green Goals can impact the entire community.
If your Goal is…

Ensure a safe and well-maintained school by providing facilities to address the needs of school and community based programs

Green Goal…
Provide a safe and healthy learning environment by ensuring the efficient operations and maintenance in each of the systems of the school

Self-Assessment & Goals

- What Sustainable Policies/Practices Exist Today?
- Have any of your buildings been benchmarked or audited for energy, water, etc.?
- Who are key stakeholders for information gathering and approvals?
- Which priority actions are readily achievable vs others that may have costs or challenges?

Certification Platforms

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Examples of a Policy

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Sustainable Policies

• Building Exterior & Hardscape Management
• Site Erosion, Landscape & Pest Management
• Water Efficiency
• Sustainable Purchasing & Waste Recycling
• Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Use
• Indoor Air Quality Management
• Green Cleaning

New Jersey School Boards Association

What’s next for you?

New Jersey School Boards Association
NJSBA Sustainability Services

- NJSBA Sustainability Services are designed to align with the Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions that will lead towards certification.
- As a dues based benefit to NJSBA members, school district personnel will have access to one full-day working session for a Sustainability Working Session.
- Follow up consultation services with NJSBA staff and green industry experts.

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Sustainable Jersey for Schools

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432 towns, 193 certified
190 Districts, 472 Schools

Municipal

447 Registered
200 Certified

Schools

309 Districts
52% of all NJ Districts!
800 Schools

242 Schools Certified
Grant Awards

Five Certification Steps
1. School district adopts resolution of participation and registers. Superintendent defines district’s school principals to participate.
2. District principal register their school with letter of participation signed by principal and superintendent.
3. Green Team created at district or school level
4. District/School completes certification actions totaling at least 150 points.
5. Green Team uploads documentation and submits application.

Green Team
- Mandatory Action
- No need to create a new team
- District and/or school level
  - Diverse membership recommended
  - Must have at least two representatives appointed by the union leadership
  - District Green Teams must have school representation.
- Successful School Green Teams Webinar available on website

View steps to certification
View Green Team Action Guidance
Certification Requirements

- Total of at least 150 points
- Mandatory Green Team
- Implement 2 of 11 priority actions
- Actions completed in 6 of 17 categories

Your Certification is good for THREE YEARS

150 Bronze
- Total of at least 350 points
- Mandatory Green Team
- Implement 3 of 11 priority actions
- Actions completed in 8 of 17 categories

350 Silver

Types of Actions

- District Only
  - District completes these actions and submits them for review

- School Only
  - Individual schools complete these actions and submit them for review

- Either District or School can complete the action
  - Action must be claimed by the agreed upon entity

District and School Participation

- District actions flow down to all participating schools in the district
- Certification is awarded at the school level

There are 335 points that districts can earn in support school applications
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**Policy (100 pts)**
- Green Purchasing
- Green Cleaning
- Green Building
- Classroom Cleanup
- Safe Routes to School
- Promote Physical Activity
- Sustainability Policy
- Green Enhancement of Strategic Plan
- Strategic Plan Implementation of Green Initiatives
- iSTEAM Policy/Strategic Plan Indicators

**Purchasing (50 pts)**
- Recycled Paper Purchase
- Energy Efficient Appliances or Equipment
- Green Cleaning Supplies
- Green Cleaning Equipment
- Promote Locally Grown Foods

**Time & Resource Allocation (60 pts)**
- Green Building Training
- Green Cleaning Training & Education
- Professional Development for Sustainability
- iSTEAM Professional Development Plan
- Staff Wellness Program
- School District Foundation
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**Practices (135pts)**
- Curriculum Mapping
- Student Participation in the Arts
- All Arts Disciplines Offered
- iSTEAM Planning & Implementation
- iSTEAM Professional Development Plan
- Community Asset Mapping
- Accessible Communications
- Outdoor Air Quality Awareness
- Anti-Idling Education & Enforcement
- Healthy Food Choices
- Breakfast After the Bell
- Diversity on District Task Forces/Committees

Examples of Board Goals

- Lawrenceville School District - Sustainability Goals

Examples of Green Team Accomplishments

- Tabernacle School District - Green Team
  [Goals](http://www.sustainablejerseyschools.com/fileadmin/media/Actions_and_Certification/Actions/Green_Team/Tabernacle_District___School_GT_reports_2017.pdf)
- Delran School District - they were successful in getting green team member stipends approved in the contracts. They are great at using Google docs to coordinate their activities between meetings which saves time!

Green Team Summary
[Report](http://www.sustainablejerseyschools.com/fileadmin/media/Actions_and_Certification/Actions/Green_Team/Delran_HS_Green_Team_R.pdf)
2019 Certification Cycle

- January 19, 2019 – Initial Application Deadline
- Late February 2019 – First Round of Review Comments
- March 30, 2019 – Second Application Submission
- Early May 2019 – Second Round of Review Comments
- June 22, 2019 – Third and Final Application Submission
- Early August 2019 – Certified Schools Notified
- Late October 2019 – Certified Schools Recognition Event at NJSBA Conference

Sustainable Jersey Action Outline

- Green Purchasing Policy
- SIMPLE Policies
- Teachers, Student, Parents
- Examples
- Search by action for examples

Sustainable Jersey Resources

- List of schools
- Search by location
- Examples
- Recognition event
Sustainable Jersey Resources

- Green Leader Board Member Certification
- "Beyond the Resolution Webinar Series"
- Strategic Planning Facilitation
- Sustainability Working Sessions:
  - November 14th: Duke Farms, Hillsborough
  - November 29th: Atlantic County Utilities Authority, Egg Harbor
  - February 21st: Atlantic County Utilities Authority, Egg Harbor
  - February 28th: NJSBA Headquarters, Trenton
Partner With Your Municipal Green Team

- Community Education & Outreach
- Green Fair
- Green Your Green Fair/School Event
- Civic & Stewardship Activities
- Recycling Non-Mandated Materials
- Energy Education- GEA
- School Gardens
- Community Asset Mapping
- Safe Routes to School

Look up your town to see if you have a green team & get contact info!

Next Steps

- Register additional schools
- Form Your District or School Green Team
- Assess What Your School is Already Doing
- Add users to your application
- Utilize the Master Action Tracking Spreadsheet
- Prioritize District Level Actions
- Look for Partners to Help Achieve Actions
- Take Advantage of Multiple Submission Cycles
- Apply for SJS Grants to Support Your Efforts

We hope to see you here next year!
We all need to work together, because there are no jobs on a dead planet; there is no equity without rights to decent work and social protection, no social justice without a shift in governance and ambition, and, ultimately, no peace for the peoples of the world without the guarantees of sustainability.

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