
The Ewing Public Schools Joins Sustainable Jersey



It's not easy being 'green' but, for The Ewing Public Schools, it is certainly a worthwhile endeavor.

At the September BOE meeting, the Board approved a resolution authorizing the school district to participate in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program and identified Superintendent Michael Nitti as the district liaison to the program.

"Schools engage a community of students, families, educators and other staff," Mr. Nitti stated. "A school which embraces and promotes sustainability in its various operations, including planning, facilities, teaching and outreach, will help to instill in the school community a shared understanding of the importance of sustainability and how each person can help achieve it."

According to Mr. Nitti, the district seeks to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools to focus attention and efforts on matters of sustainability and pursue initiatives which will lead to Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification.

"Through our involvement, we 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," Nitti commented.

As part of the program, the district will form a Sustainability Leadership Team, commonly referred to as a 'Green Team' which will consist of district administrative leaders who will guide participation and shape programs, based on the framework provided by Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

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

"We are excited about this new endeavor," Mr. Nitti stated. "It is something in which the Board and administration believe. It is our hope that the efforts and initiatives that are part of this program and process will have a beneficial impact on our students and the school community."
