

**CHERRY HILL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ACTION MEETING
NOVEMBER 27, 2012**

RESOLUTION TO EDUCATE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to balance and integrate its economic, social and ecological objectives to improve quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, we all have to *learn* how to live well in our places without undermining their ability to sustain us over time, and we recognize that the foundations of our knowledge, skills, and habits of mind are cultivated in our schools; and

WHEREAS, we understand that the children, the young people and the teachers of the Cherry Hill Public Schools are vital members of the community and integral to creating a healthy and sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, we accept our responsibility to contribute to the individual and collective potential of our children and young people, and communities, and to that of the living systems upon which our lives depend; and

WHEREAS, we commit to honoring our children, our young people and our teachers, our staff and our leaders with teaching and learning experiences that prepare them to participate in, and to lead with us the shift toward a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, there are programs that support school and community connections related to educating for sustainability. These programs include New Jersey League of Municipalities' municipal certification program known as Sustainable Jersey and the Cloud Institute for Sustainability Education program known as New Jersey Learns, Educational Information Resource Center program known as The Sustainable Schools Project, the grassroots community group known as Sustainable Cherry Hill; and future opportunities that support educating for sustainability.

BE IT RESOLVED that in order to educate for a sustainable future Cherry Hill Public Schools will join with Cherry Hill Township and the local Green Team to provide the following:

1. Actions that support student participation in authentic service, project based, and academic learning experiences dedicated to educating for sustainability, including those that are part of the Sustainable Jersey program;
2. The development of curricular, instructional and organizational learning practices necessary for students to meet the standards and performance indicators of Education for Sustainability, especially those opportunities presented by New Jersey Learns;
3. Professional Development opportunities that will prepare teachers and administrators to educate for sustainability, especially those presented by New Jersey Learns;
4. Benchmarks and sustainable practices related to school buildings and grounds, procurement, operations and maintenance procedures.

We do hereby recognize Cherry Hill Public Schools as an agent to carry out of commitment to building sustainable communities through Education for Sustainability in the state of New Jersey.

Date of Adoption: _____

Board Chair _____
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