

EPA New England Clean, Green and Healthy Schools Monthly Update – February 2015

A Note from Your Clean, Green and Healthy Schools Coordinator:

As promised last month, below is February’s featured schools workgroup. Please feel free to dial in to their next meeting via conference call and join the conversation!

- **New Hampshire Partners for Healthy Schools**
 - Tuesday, 2/24/15 9-11 am – Call In Number: 1-866-304-8625 Code: 603-448-4172
 - For more information about NPHPS:
<http://www.nhhealthyschoolenvironments.org/missionandgoals.html>

I hope that by extending an open invitation to this month’s featured meeting we can share our wealth of expertise and resources, learn best practices, and enable further communication. If you’d like to learn more, please email me directly. Thanks!

Best,
Jessica

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1. EPA Green Power Partnership Solar Power for K-12 Schools Webinar – 2/4/15 1-2 pm ET
 - On Wednesday, February 4, 2015, from 1:00 - 2:00 PM EST, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership (GPP) will host a webinar examining the deployment potential for on-site solar photovoltaic (PV) systems at K-12 schools.
 - The Solar Foundation will present on findings from its recently released report, [Brighter Future: A Study on Solar in U.S. Schools](#). They will provide insights into the extent that solar can be

deployed and provide data on the adoption of solar by K-12 schools across the United States. In addition, a representative from Arlington County Public Schools (Virginia) will then share their experience as a solar school, discuss their motivation for pursuing solar, and present lessons learned. The webinar will conclude with a question and answer session.

- Register for this webinar at:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5699133068978398466>
2. Massachusetts Green Student Leadership Council meeting – 2/10/15 3-5:30 pm
 - [Green Schools and National Green Schools Society](#) will host the first [Massachusetts Green Student Leadership Council](#) meeting at EPA Region 1 Headquarters, 5 Post Office Square in Boston on
 - Tuesday, February 10 from 3:00 - 5:30 pm.
 3. 10-Part IAQ Master Class Technical Webinar Series – Next: 2/12/15 1-2:30 pm
 - Mark your calendar to join 10-Part IAQ Master Class Technical Webinar Series. See schedule below.

Webinar Topic	Webinar Date
Creating Healthy Indoor Environments in Schools: The Knowledge Network and Actions You Need	On-Demand Link Coming Soon (Recorded April 30, 2014)
Making the Case	12/11/14
HVAC Systems	1/22/15
Moisture and Mold	2/12/15
Energy Efficiency and IAQ	3/12/15
Integrated Pest Management	4/16/15
Asthma Management	5/07/15
Cleaning and Maintenance	6/04/15
Materials Selection	7/16/15
Source Control	8/06/15

4. Two Part Webinar Series: Farm to School & Youth Leadership – February 9 & 17, 2015
 - **Part 1: Helping students understand their food systems**
Monday, February 9, 2015
3:30 pm Central
[Register now for Part 1](#)
 - Part 2: Strengthening Farm to School**
Tuesday, February 17, 2015
3:30 pm Central
[Register now for Part 2](#)

5. School and Community Gardens 101 - 2/20/15 9 am-3 pm
 - Friday, February 20, 2015 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Student Union Ballroom | Rhode Island College | Providence, RI
 - The [URI Outreach Center](#), in partnership with [Rhode Island College](#), is pleased to offer the 2nd annual **School and Community Garden 101!** This full-day program is designed for formal and informal educators, parents, novice and experienced gardeners and community leaders. Choose workshops from the **Horticulture track** to increase your garden's success, or the **Education track** if you're searching for innovative methods to engage youth in garden settings. Mix and match workshops from either track for a customized experience!
 - Register at: <https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1666293>
 - **Registration fee is \$40.00 for your selection of five workshops.** Breakfast is included in the cost of registration, lunch is available for purchase in the RIC Student Union Cafe. [Email outreach@uri.edu](mailto:outreach@uri.edu) for scholarship options.

6. Northern New England Facility Masters Conference – February 25-26, 2015
 - February 25-26 Portsmouth High School – 50 Andrew Jarvis Dr. – Portsmouth, NH 03801
 - <https://facilitymasters.schooldude.com/nne>
 - Career Development and Professional Training for School Operations Professionals in New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts

7. EPA Reducing Wasted Food & Packaging Webinar Series – Next: 2/26/15 1-3 pm ET
 - EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Web Academy is hosting a free four-part webinar series to guide users through the waste assessment and reduction process presented in the Reducing Wasted Food & Packaging Toolkit. All are welcome to participate in the webinar series! The schedule and links to register are listed below. View Reducing Wasted Food and Packaging Toolkit: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/organics/foodtool/>
 - "A Step-by-Step Guide to Conducting a Food Waste Assessment with the Reducing Wasted Food & Packaging Toolkit"
 - *Milestone 1: Preparing for a Food Waste Assessment and Establishing a Baseline*
Thursday, January 29, 2015, 1:00pm—3:00pm EST
Milestone 2: Data Analysis, Creating and Implementing Waste Reduction Strategies
Thursday, February 26, 2015, 1:00pm—3:00pm EST
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/10000000064935179>
 - *Milestone 3: Tracking Progress*
Thursday, March 26, 2015, 1:00pm—3:00pm EST
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/10000000064935206>
 - *Milestone 4: Measuring Impact*
Thursday, April 23, 2015, 1:00pm—3:00pm EST
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/10000000064935220>

8. Comprehensive IPM Workshop in Maine – February, April, June 2015
 - It's not too late to register to attend one of the **Comprehensive IPM Training Workshops**. These free workshops are designed for you, the School IPM Coordinator, but are open and appropriate for anyone with interest or responsibilities for school facilities management including nutrition staff, classroom teachers, agricultural education staff, custodians, maintenance, grounds staff and others so feel free to share this invitation.
 - Have you already taken the Comprehensive Training but **need an IPM Continuing Education (CE) credit**? You must earn at least one credit per year. Attend a Comprehensive Workshop!

You may attend the entire program or arrive for the last hour, to earn a CE credit. CE credits can also be earned by participating in other trainings and webinars (click [here](#) for more info).

- Here are the registration links for the upcoming Comprehensive IPM Workshops:

Date	Time	Program
February 17, 2015	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Comprehensive School IPM Workshop Newport
February 18, 2015	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Comprehensive School IPM Workshop Biddeford
April 22, 2015	12:30 pm-3:30 pm	Comprehensive School IPM Workshop Millinocket
April 23, 2015	8:00 am-11:00 am	Comprehensive School IPM Training Workshop - Houlton
June 23-24, 2015	TBA	Comprehensive School IPM Training offered at the EPMA annual conference, Colby College, Waterville. Check back later for details and registration info.

- For more information contact Kathy Murray, Coordinator, Maine School IPM Program, 207-287-7616 or kathy.murray@maine.gov.
9. Green Schools National Conference – March 4-7 2015
 - March 4-7 2015 in Virginia Beach, VA
 - <https://conference.greenschoolsnationalnetwork.org/>
 10. Maine Environmental Education Association Getting Better Together Conference - 3/20/15
 - Join MEEA on March 20th at Chewonki, Wiscasset, Maine for a day of inspiration, learning and networking about these topics! Stay tuned. Online registration will open soon at www.meeassociation.org
 11. 8th International IPM Symposium "IPM: Solutions for a Changing World" – March 23-26, 2015
 - The symposium planning committee is pleased to announce the line-up of plenary speakers for the 8th International IPM Symposium - <http://ipmcenters.org/ipmsymposium15> - to be held March 23-26, 2015 in Salt Lake City, Utah USA
 12. National Public Health Week – April 6-12
 - Organized by American Public Health Association (APHA), National Public Health Week, or NPHW, will bring together communities across the country from **April 6-12** to recognize public health contributions and highlight issues that are important to improving our nation’s health. This year’s theme, “Healthiest Nation 2030,” defines one central challenge for Americans: to make the U.S. the healthiest nation in one generation — that is, within the next 15 years. The Daily Themes for NPHW 2015 are:

- **Monday, April 6: Raising the Grade.** The U.S. trails other countries in life expectancy and other measures of good health, and this holds true across all ages and income levels. Too many people, including some of our political leaders, still believe we have the best health care in the world. We have great doctors, state-of-the-art hospitals and are leaders in advanced procedures and pharmaceuticals - yet our health ranks poorly when compared to other countries. To kick off NPHW 2015, the public health community will come together to talk frankly about what the data reveal about America's public health.
 - **Tuesday, April 7: Starting from Zip.** Today, your zip code says too much about your health. Within the United States, there are unacceptable disparities in health by race and ethnic group, state by state and even county by county. The effort to make the U.S. the Healthiest Nation in One Generation starts with equity across our communities. During the second day of NPHW 2015, the public health community will shine a light on local/state/regional disparities. We'll come together to discuss the role – and success – of the Affordable Care Act in addressing disparities in access to care, while also laying out what else is needed to achieve health equity across our communities.
 - **Wednesday, April 8: Building Momentum.** Influential leaders, companies and organizations are taking important steps in line with creating the healthiest nation: just look at recent actions by CVS, America's major food and beverage companies, RWJF, the American Planning Association, Michelle Obama, and many others. On the third day of NPHW 2015, the public health community will outline major recent changes and what they mean for our health. While the outcomes of these changes will play out over many years ahead, these are significant shifts that demonstrate these are significant shifts that demonstrate momentum is building around a higher commitment to our nation's public health.
 - **Thursday, April 9: Building Broader Connections.** In the work to become the healthiest nation, we can't do it all on our own. We have to expand our partnerships to collaborate with city planners, education officials, public, private and for-profit organizations – everyone who has an impact on our health. During NPHW 2015, the fourth day will focus on communities mapping the network of partners and connections needed in their areas to make the U.S. the Healthiest Nation in One Generation.
 - **Friday, April 10: Building on 20 Years of Success.** 2015 marks the 20th anniversary of APHA coordinating National Public Health Week, and the accomplishments of the public health community over the last two decades are significant, such as a 25-year improvement in the average lifespan for Americans and a 70 percent reduction in HIV/AIDS-related deaths. During the fifth day of NPHW 2015, the public health community (and especially public health student leaders!) will come together to celebrate these and other accomplishments and bring a renewed focus to the work ahead - and what it will take to become the Healthiest Nation in One Generation.
 - More at <http://www.nphw.org/tools-and-tips/toolkit>
13. National Healthy Schools Day – April 7, 2015
 - <http://www.nationalhealthyschoolsday.org/>
 14. National School Nurse Day – May 6, 2015
 - <http://www.nasn.org/AboutNASN/NationalSchoolNurseDay>
 15. 2015 National Health Impact Assessment Meeting – June 16-18, 2015
 - We are delighted to announce that the 2015 National Health Impact Assessment Meeting will be held June 16 to 18, 2015, in Washington. [Please save the date!](#)

- Visit www.NationalHIAMeeting.com, where information will be posted as it becomes available, including details on the call for abstracts and scholarship applications. [Meeting registration will open in early fall 2014.](#)

16. 2015 Educational Plant Maintenance Association Conference - June 23 & 24

- Colby College, Waterville, Maine
- This is a 100% NO COST event to all attendees:
 - Free Lodging
 - Free Breakfast (two days)
 - Free Lunch
 - Free dinner
- We provide wonderful training opportunities such as:
 - IPM Coordinator annual refresher training
 - School safety training with the Waterville Police
 - Playground safety and maintenance
 - Ensuring Safe Drinking water
 - School dude Training
 - And many more
- Meet with vendors at our expo, set up an appointment to have a one on one about their services offered.
- To register: Contact Shelly Phillips at: sphillips@aos92.org Or Greg Marles at gmarles@capeelizabethschools.org

17. EPA/NIEHS Children's Centers 2014 Webinar Series (Ongoing)

- Register at: <http://www.epa.gov/ncer/events/#cehc-webinar>

18. Green Strides Newsletter and Webinar Series (Ongoing)

- Sign up for the U.S. Department of Education Green Strides Newsletter at: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/green-strides/about.html>
- The Green Strides Webinar Series provides school communities the tools to reduce their schools' environmental impact and costs; improve health and wellness; and teach effective environmental education. It provides all schools access to the resources that help them move toward the Pillars of our U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools recognition award. More information about upcoming webinars is available at: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/green-strides/webinar.html>.
- ED Green Ribbon Schools archives are available at: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/webinar-archived.html>

19. Green Cleaning in Schools Webinar Series Archives Now Available (Ongoing)

- These practical online seminars featured national leaders and on-the-ground experts on green cleaning in schools. Topics included infection control, new technology, making the financial case for green cleaning, and more. Couldn't attend the webinars? Check out the archives online at: GreenCleanSchools.org

20. Facility Masters Webinars (Ongoing)

- Facility Masters, in conjunction with SchoolDude.com, conducts a monthly Webcast Series focusing on best practices for excellence in educational operations, with emphasis on facilities maintenance, preventive maintenance, energy management and more.

- The typical webcast is a 75-minute presentation featuring an industry expert and an educational-operations professional, who are experts on the topic. Participants view the presentation via the Internet and listen to the presentation online or via a toll free phone line. Each presentation is recorded and made available at:
<http://www.facilitymastersonline.com/webcasts/>

II. Funding & Award Opportunities

21. SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL PROSPECTIVE FEDERAL GRANT APPLICANTS

- As of February 17, 2015, **ALL** competitive and non-competitive grant applications will need to be submitted through www.grants.gov.
- This also means you must have a **DUNS number** and an **active SAM.gov registration** before you can register in grants.gov and submit an application. This entire process could take up to a month to complete. It is important that you *take action now* to insure your organization can submit your application within the designated deadline for the grant program you are applying for.
- **You will need assistance in navigating through this new registration and application submission process. We strongly encourage you to take this upcoming training.**
- EPA has been offering training sessions for applicants to better understand the process and there is one more scheduled for February 10, 2015. To register, or listen to some of the previous sessions that have been recorded, applicants can visit http://www.epa.gov/ogd/training/grants_gov_information_sessions_for_applicants.htm.

22. Summer Internship with Environmental Health Services – Deadline: 2/11/15

- Applications are now being accepted for a 10-week summer environmental internship for students majoring in Environmental Health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Summer Program in Environmental Health (SUPEH) is a paid 10-week internship program for undergraduate students majoring in environmental health in a program accredited by the [National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council](#) (EHAC). Interns participate in activities with the [Environmental Health Services Branch](#) (EHSB) of CDC's [National Center for Environmental Health](#) (NCEH), where they gain environmental health experience and an understanding of environmental health work at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels.
- **Application deadline** is February 11, 2015. We strongly encourage members of underrepresented populations to apply! Learn more about how to apply: <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/supeh/application.htm>.
- CDC's NCEH serves the public through responsive public health actions to promote healthy and safe environments and prevent harmful exposures. The EHSB's is to strengthen the role of state, local, and national environmental health programs and professionals to better anticipate, identify, and respond to adverse environmental exposures and the human health consequences of these exposures.
- Learn more at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/SUPEH/default.htm>

23. HHS NIH Creating Asthma Empowerment Collaborations to Reduce Childhood Asthma Disparities – Deadline: 2/20/15

- See more at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-15-028.html>

24. 2014-2015 Environmental Education Local Grants RFP – Deadline: 3/6/15
- The second Request for Proposals (RFP) of the [2014-2015 Environmental Education \(EE\) Grants Program](#), titled the EE Local Grants RFP, is now open. Under the EE Local Grants RFP, EPA seeks grant proposals to support locally-focused EE projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship through designing, demonstrating, and/or disseminating environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Projects under this RFP will help develop informed, knowledgeable citizens, and provide them with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. From this RFP, EPA expects to award three grants from each of EPA's 10 Regional Offices, for a total of approximately 30 grants nationwide.
 - Visit the [EE Grants Program webpage](#) for details on how to apply. For questions regarding the 2014-2015 EE Grants Program, review the [frequently asked questions](#) or email EEgrants@epa.gov
25. School Nurse Leadership Award – Deadline: 3/9/15
- Do you know a school nurse who is leading the charge to improve the health and wellness of students and staff? A school nurse who constantly goes the extra mile or has implemented a creative health-promoting initiative? [Healthy Schools Campaign](#) is launching its second annual national [School Nurse Leadership Award](#) to recognize these extraordinary individuals for the important work that they do. If you know such a leader -- or if it's you! -- we encourage you to apply for this award.
 - Applications will be available February 9, 2015 and we hope you can help us find and recognize inspiring leaders from across the country in the school nurse profession. Through the School Nurse Leadership Award, we'll share the stories of school nurses who are changing the lives of students in their schools and communities. Whether a building or district nurse, or a state-wide school nurse leader, we want to highlight the people behind the great work that is happening to improve school health.
 - Up to five winners will be announced on National School Nurse Day, May 6, 2015, and will be highlighted among their peers across the country. Winners will also receive a \$500 [School Health](#) gift card to use toward a catalog or online purchase.
 - Please visit healthyschoolscampaign.org/leadership-award and sign up now to ensure that you'll be among the first to receive the application.
 - Applications will be available February 9, 2015 and due by March 9, 2015.
26. EPA and CEQ Open Application Period for National Environmental Educator Award – Deadline: 3/13/15
- <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/ECA7833244B22D5485257DDB006521FD>
27. Application Period Opens for 2015 Excellence in Energy and Environmental Education Awards – Deadline: 3/27/15
- [Click here for application](#)
 - BOSTON — January 14, 2015 – The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs today announced it is now accepting nominations for its annual Secretary's Awards for Excellence in Energy and Environmental Education until March 27, 2015.
 - Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Matthew Beaton will present awards this spring to Massachusetts teachers and students involved in school-based programs that promote environmental and energy education.
 - "I am proud to recognize the teachers and students leading and inspiring their communities as they tackling critical energy and environmental issues," **said Matthew Beaton, Secretary of**

Energy and Environmental Affairs. “This program honors the passion, curiosity and hard work of these educators and students as they study clean energy, recycling, conservation, wildlife and many other pressing issues in our world.”

- All public and private Massachusetts schools (K-12) that offer energy and environmental education programs are eligible to apply for the Secretary’s Award. In 2014, schools and nonprofit organizations from 22 communities across the state were recognized for their work on issues including recycling, energy conservation, ocean science, wildlife conservation and alternative fuels.
- The Secretary’s Advisory Group on Energy and Environmental Education will review applications through mid-April. Qualified entrants are invited to attend a formal award ceremony with Secretary Beaton at the State House later in the spring.
- For questions contact Meg Colclough at 617-626-1110 or meg.colclough@state.ma.us

28. **The Captain Planet Foundation Announces Competitive Grant Program in Partnership with the Ray C. Anderson Foundation – Rolling deadline through 4/30/15**

- The Captain Planet Foundation (CPF) is pleased to announce a competitive grant program in partnership with the [Ray C. Anderson Foundation](#). Sixteen (16) \$2500 grants will be awarded to schools or non-profits organizations for the purpose of engaging children in inquiry-based projects in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) that use innovation, biomimicry / nature-based design, or new uses for technology to address environmental problems in their communities. **Application opens January 1, 2015 with rolling deadline through April 30, 2015 (as funds allow).** - See more at: <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/ecotech-grants/#sthash.GdHif6rR.zmNyfcxg.dpuf>
- <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/ecotech-grants/>

29. **HHS NIH Asthma Empowerment Collaborations to Reduce Childhood Asthma Disparities – Deadline: October 16-November 16, 2016**

- See more at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-17-001.html>

30. **President’s Environmental Youth Awards (PEYA) – Ongoing**

- The PEYA program promotes awareness of our nation's natural resources and encourages positive community involvement. Since 1971, the President of the United States has joined with EPA to recognize young people across the U.S. for protecting our nation's air, water, land, and ecology. It is one of the most important ways EPA and the Administration demonstrate commitment to environmental stewardship efforts created and conducted by our nation's youth. The PEYA program includes two components: a regional certificate of special recognition and a national award competition. All qualified applicants each year receive a certificate of special recognition from their EPA regional office. In addition, one outstanding project from each region is selected to receive a national award plaque. Projects are developed by young individuals, school classes (K-12), summer camps, and youth organizations to promote environmental stewardship. Thousands of young people from all 50 states and the U.S. territories have submitted projects to EPA for consideration. <http://www2.epa.gov/education/presidents-environmental-youth-award>

31. **Further Grants & Awards Information**

- *EPA Open Announcements:* http://www.epa.gov/oqd/competition/open_awards.htm
- *Region 7 Communities Information Digest (Contact Espinosa.Monica@epa.gov)*
- *Region 9 Children's Health and School e-newsletter (Contact Canteenwala.Eric@epa.gov)*

- *Region 10 Healthy School News (Available at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/ecocomm.nsf/programs/healthyschoolnews>)*

III. EPA News

32. Radon Risk? You Don't Know Until You Test (1/2015)

- <http://blog.epa.gov/blog/2015/01/radon-risk/>

33. EPA Clean Diesel News (1/2015)

- EPA is pleased to announce the school bus fleet owners selected by lottery to participate in the 2014 School Bus Replacement Funding Opportunity. EPA will provide rebates to 76 fleet owners across the country to replace more than 200 older diesel school buses. To view the list of selections, please visit www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/dera-rebate-schoolbus.htm#2014.
- EPA has notified all selected applicants. All other applicants will be placed on the [Applicant Wait List](#) in the order in which they were selected in the lottery.
- Selected applicants have nine months to order new buses, scrap the old ones, and submit all paperwork to EPA. For more information on the program requirements, please visit www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/dera-rebate-schoolbus.htm#process.

34. Bennington College –LED Street Light Project (1/2015)

- 22 students at Bennington College decided to tackle the issue of climate change and energy efficiency. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvozcteU7_A

35. EPA Proposes Rule to Protect Consumers from Harmful Chemicals Found in Homes and Schools (1/2015)

- <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/c03cfb99d832d39885257dc700701365!OpenDocument>
- Additional information on the proposed SNUR on TDI and related compounds and how to provide comments can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/existingchemicals/pubs/actionplans/tidi.html>

36. 2015 Healthy Schools Highlights report (1/2015)

- You can view it at <http://www.epa.gov/schools/guidelinestools/highlights/index.html>

37. EPA Food Recovery Challenge (12/2014)

- The Food Recovery Challenge asks participants to reduce as much of their food waste as possible – saving money, helping communities, and protecting the environment. EPA is partnering with organizations and businesses to prevent and reduce wasted food. Challenge participants save money, help communities, and protect the environment by purchasing less, donating extra food, and composting. To learn more, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/foodrecoverychallenge/>
- If you want more information about the program, call Janet Bowen at 617-918-1796 or email bowen.janet@epa.gov or Chris Beling at 617-918-1792 or email beling.christine@epa.gov
- **Join now:** <http://www.epa.gov/smm/foodrecovery/joinnow.htm>

38. EPA New England "Clean, Green and Healthy Schools" Bi-Annual Newsletter (April & October 2014)

- [October 2014 EPA New England Clean, Green and Healthy Schools Newsletter](#)
- Please keep an eye out for the next Newsletter and send any news stories to hing.jessica@epa.gov for the opportunity to be featured in an upcoming issue!

39. Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Connector (Ongoing)

- Use the **Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Tools for Schools Connector** to access technical expertise and resources to learn how to start or improve your IAQ management program. Some of the available resources include:
 - [IAQ Champions](#). Learn from individuals who have been recognized by EPA for their achievements in improving IAQ. You can request guidance or mentorship from an IAQ Champion in your area.
 - [Calendar of Events](#). Discover and share learning opportunities in your region and across the country.
 - [Connect with EPA Regional Representatives](#). EPA Regions provide on-the-ground technical assistance to school districts to develop healthier school indoor environments.
 - [Webinars](#). Check out the schedule of upcoming online trainings and explore archived webinars.
 - [Monthly E-newsletter and Weekly Emails](#). Hear the latest scientific information on creating healthy school indoor environments and stay alert to news and events in the school IAQ community. Invite your colleagues to subscribe. They can sign-up by sending a message to IAQTfSConnector@cadmusgroup.com with "subscribe" in the subject line.
 - [Email Discussion List](#). Connect directly to healthy school environment professionals. Join this email discussion list by sending a blank email message to schools_iaq_connector-subscribe@lists.epa.gov with "subscribe" in the subject line.
- Schools Integrated Pest Management (SIPM):
 - Find information about future webinars: <http://www.epa.gov/pestwise/events/sipm-webinars.html>
 - Learn more about IPM in Schools: <http://www.epa.gov/pestwise/ipminschoools/> and <http://www.epa.gov/pestwise/ipminschoools/implementation.html>
EPA Schools Integrated Pest Management Events are listed at: <http://www.epa.gov/pesp/events/index.html>

40. EPA Highlights eNewsletter (Ongoing)

- To subscribe:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USAEPA/subscriber/new?topic_id=USAEPA_439
- Tel 202-564-1785 / PublicEngagement@epa.gov

41. EPA EJ Listserv (Ongoing)

- If you are not already a member, the Office of Environmental Justice would like to invite you to join the EJ ListServ. The purpose of this information tool is to notify individuals about activities at EPA in the field of environmental justice. By subscribing to this list you will receive information on EPA's activities, programs, projects grants and about environmental justice activities at other agencies. Noteworthy news items, National meeting announcements, meeting summaries of NEJAC meetings, and new publication notices will also be distributed. Postings can only be made by the Office of Environmental Justice. To request an item to be posted, send your information to environmental-justice@epa.gov and indicate in the subject "Post to EPA-EJ ListServ"
- To join the listserv go to: https://lists.epa.gov/read/all_forums/subscribe?name=epa-ej

42. EPA Smart Growth Listserv (Ongoing)

- EPA's Smart Growth Listserv is maintained by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities. To contact us, please e-mail smartgrowth@epa.gov. Learn more about smart growth at www.epa.gov/smartgrowth

43. GO GREEN! (Ongoing)

- Sign up for GO GREEN! EPA News You Can Use at: <http://www2.epa.gov/newsroom/gogreen>
Americans want to help protect and improve the nation's land, water, and air. "Go Green!" is a monthly newsletter from the US EPA summarizing recent news and info you can use to make a difference in your home, community, and workplace.
- Want more news? Sign up to receive daily EPA news releases on topics that interest you.
http://www.epa.gov/newsroom/email_signups.htm
Our blogs: <http://www2.epa.gov/aboutepa/greenversations>
Follow us on Twitter: <http://www2.epa.gov/aboutepa/social-media#twitter>
Like us on Facebook: <http://www2.epa.gov/aboutepa/social-media#facebook>
[More about GoGreen!](#)

44. Visit EPA's Schools Web Portal (Ongoing)

- The Portal is a searchable database of on-line resources to help facility managers, school administrators, architects, design engineers, school nurses, parents, teachers, and staff address environmental health issues in schools. Visitors can browse resources by [topic](#) or by [geographic area](#), or search all resources by entering specific keywords into the search box at the top of each page. [Find web resources.](#) (<http://cfpub.epa.gov/schools/index.cfm>)

45. EPA Students for the Environment Blog (Ongoing)

- Check out EPA's Students for the Environment blog for K-12 Students, Educators and Parents at: <http://www.epa.gov/students/> Students, teachers and staff are welcome to post ideas and to blog about what they know students are doing to help the environment. Please submit an entry of 400 words or less.

IV. Other News

46. National Association of School Nurses, Inc. Weekly Digest (Weekly)

- The NASN Weekly Digest is an e-news communication of the National Association of School Nurses, Inc. (NASN) sent weekly to NASN members and subscribers. This weekly communication is designed to keep school nurse professionals informed of news, issues, events, and activities related to or affecting school nursing practice.
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View previous editions online <http://lists.nasn.org/read/?forum=weeklydigest>

47. Monthly School IPM 2015 Newsletter (Monthly)

- This month's School IPM Newsletter is available at: www.schoolipm2015.com

48. USGBC Center for Green Schools Monthly Digest (Monthly)

- Sign up for the monthly digest of Center for Green Schools articles at usgbc.org

49. Healthy Schools Network, Inc. NewsSlice (Monthly)

- To join: <http://www.healthyschools.org/join.php>

50. Green Schools Newsletters (Monthly)

- Green Schools provides environmental education and STEM education programs for K-12 schools and communities. Green Schools is a multiple award-winning 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Massachusetts. We develop and distribute resources that help students, schools, and communities engage the next generation of environmental leaders. Our programs focus on environmental service projects, giving Green Schools students and schools the state and national recognition they deserve.
- Newsletter: <http://projectgreenschools.org/newsletters/>

51. Safe Routes Matters e-newsletter (Bi-monthly)

- Safe Routes Matters is a free, bi-monthly online publication of the National Center for Safe Routes to School that features resources, news and articles pertaining to Safe Routes to School. To submit article ideas to Safe Routes Matters, please email news@saferoutesinfo.org. For past issues, visit the Newsletter page of <http://saferoutesinfo.org>. Sign up to receive periodic information from the National Center for Safe Routes to School, such as news releases, updates and our e-newsletter Safe Routes Matters at: www.saferoutesinfo.org/newsletter-sign.
- The National Center for Safe Routes to School coordinates registration for Walk to School Day and maintains the <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org> website with funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). For International Bike/Walk to School Day information in your state, please see
 - CT: <http://www.walkitbikeitct.org/Home.html>
 - MA: <http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/state/srts-in-your-state/massachusetts>
 - ME: <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/bikeped/saferoutes/>
 - NH: <http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/srts/>
 - RI: <http://www.planning.ri.gov/statewideplanning/transportation/routestoschool.php>
 - VT: <http://saferoutes.vermont.gov/>

52. AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org (Ongoing)

- Join at: <http://www.asthmacommunitynetwork.org/>

53. U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools (Ongoing)

- The Green Ribbon Schools recognition award honors schools that are exemplary in reducing environmental impact and costs; improving the health and wellness of students and staff; and providing effective environmental and sustainability education, which incorporates STEM, civic skills and green career pathways. The Green Ribbon Schools program is implemented at a state level. Further information about the U.S. Department of Education (ED) Green Ribbon Schools program in New England is available on the following websites. More information about the Green Ribbon Schools program nationwide is available at: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html>
 - Connecticut Green Leaf at: www.ctgreenschools.org/ctgreenleaf.htm
 - Massachusetts Green Ribbon Schools at: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/finance/sbuilding/GreenRibbon/>

- New Hampshire Green Ribbon Schools at:
http://www.education.nh.gov/program/school_approval/g_ribbon_info.htm
 - Rhode Island Green Ribbon Schools at:
<http://www.ride.ri.gov/FundingFinance/SchoolConstructionProgram/SchoolFacilities.aspx>
 - Vermont Green Ribbon Schools at:
http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/green_ribbon.html
 - **U.S. Department of Education (ED) Green Strides Newsletter:** To access and sign up, please go to: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/green-strides/about.html>
 - **U.S. Department of Education (ED) bulletin:** To access and sign up, please go to: <http://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USED-5b70b8>
54. USDA eXtension (Ongoing)
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s eXtension is an interactive learning environment delivering the best, most researched knowledge from the best land-grant university minds across America. eXtension connects knowledge consumers with knowledge providers - experts who know their subject matter inside out. For more information, please see: <http://www.extension.org/> Of note, School IPM Action Plans are available at: <http://www.extension.org/pages/20295/school-integrated-pest-management-action-plans>
 - Don't Bug Me Webinar Series 2013: Please see the information at <http://www.extension.org/pages/66408/dont-bug-me-webinar-series-2013> for upcoming webinar dates or webinars recordings.
55. U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm to School e-Letter (Ongoing)
- Learn more at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool> or contact us at farmtoschool@fns.usda.gov.
56. National Association of State Boards of Education database (Ongoing)
- Do You Know Your State’s School Health Policies? With the increased media attention on student health issues, it is more important than ever to stay up on the latest school health and safety policies in place where you live. Since 1998, whole child partner National Association of State Boards of Education has tracked state laws and policies on more than 40 school health topics. You can find what policies are in place in Texas by consulting the State School Health Policy Database at www.nasbe.org/healthy_schools/hs
57. Topics in School Environmental Health: Overview of State Laws (Ongoing)
- The Environmental Law Institute (ELI) has just finalized and posted their new school policy resource – Topics in School Environmental Health: Overview of State Laws. This resource provides summaries of state laws and regulations on several important school environmental health topics including – mold, radon, carbon monoxide, vehicle idling, green cleaning, IAQ and renovations, and IAQ management plans. The materials are designed to give policy makers, advocates, and others a picture of the different ways in which state policy currently addresses important school indoor environmental issues. The materials are available through ELI’s Indoor Environments and Green Buildings Policy Resource Center: www.eli.org/buildings/tseh.cfm
58. Healthy Schools Campaign (Ongoing)
- Healthy Schools Campaign is the leading voice for people who care about our children, education, and our environment. We teach and empower others to advocate for children to have fresh air, healthy food and physical activity to shape their lifelong learning and health. As

an independent, not-for-profit organization, we help facilitate collaboration between parents, teachers, administrators and policy makers. Our goal is to help prepare this diverse group of stakeholders to lead change at the school, district, state and national levels.

healthyschoolscampaign.org

59. Exploring Learning and Health: The Physical Environment (Ongoing)

- <http://inservice.ascd.org/education-resources/exploring-learning-and-health-the-physical-environment/>

60. Children's Environmental Health Network (Ongoing)

- Newsletters and listserv available at: <http://www.cehn.org/>

61. The National Library of Medicine (Ongoing)

- The National Library of Medicine (NLM) provides online environmental health student resources for students in grades 1-12. The information and data in these resources are free and vetted by science professionals. The resources can be used by science educators in their classrooms, in after school programs, in home school programs, and by students for their academic research assignments.
- [Environmental Health Student Portal](#) (Grades 6-8): Provides middle school students and educators with information on common environmental health topics such as water pollution, climate change, air pollution, and chemicals. <http://kidsenvirohealth.nlm.nih.gov/>
- [Toxicology Tutorials](#) (Grades 9-12+): Teach basic toxicology principles; written at the introductory college student level. <http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/toxtutor.html>
- [Household Products Database](#) (Grades 6-12+): Learn about the potential health effects of chemicals in common household products ranging from personal hygiene products to landscape care products. <http://hpd.nlm.nih.gov/>
- [ToxTown](#) (Grades 6-12+): Interactive guide to commonly encountered toxic substances. Includes classroom materials. Also available in Spanish. <http://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov/>
- [TOXMAP](#) (Grades 9-12+): Uses maps of the United States to visually explore Superfund and Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) sites and data from the EPA. Includes classroom materials. <http://toxmap.nlm.nih.gov/>
- [Native Voices Exhibition Lesson Plans & Activities](#) (Grades 6-12): Familiarize students with Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian healthcare by using the NLM Native Voices exhibition Web site content materials. <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nativevoices/resources/lesson-plans-list.html>
- [ToxMystery](#) (Grades 1-5): Teaches elementary school students about toxic substances in the home. Game format; includes lesson plans and activities. Also available in Spanish. <http://toxmystery.nlm.nih.gov/>

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