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Delaware Pathways to Green Schools Program Awards \$10,000 in Grants to Local Schools

Schools selected by the program, led by Green Building United, will receive funding for energy and climate-related projects, programming and community education

Philadelphia, PA, April 16, 2019 – [The Delaware Pathways to Green Schools program](#), which provides grants, one-on-one support, and expert resources to K-12 Schools in Delaware that are committed to becoming healthier, more sustainable, and more energy efficient, has awarded \$10,000 in mini grants to ten Delaware K-12 schools.

Led by [Green Building United](#), a green building education and advocacy nonprofit, and funded by [Energize Delaware](#), the Sustainable Energy Utility, the program invited schools to submit creative grant proposals that demonstrate how each project will educate and engage students, families, and the community in the discussion about energy consumption and climate change.

This year's mini grants recipients include four public schools and five private schools across the state:

Brandywine Springs Elementary, Red Clay Consolidated School District – Awarded funding to host a Family Energy Education Night. The school will organize an evening of activities to educate parents, teachers, and community members through crafts, exercises, and presentations about the basics of energy and how individuals can contribute to energy conservation.

First State Montessori – Awarded funding to install a water bottle filling station to promote the use of reusable water bottles instead of disposables.

Lancashire Elementary, Brandywine School District – Awarded funding to take students on a field trip to the Delaware Solid Waste Authority to learn about waste, implementing recycling plans, and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from landfills.

Odyssey Charter – Awarded funding to purchase composting equipment, such as worm factories, tumblers, and educational tools, to reduce organic food waste and associated GHG emissions from landfills.

Postlethwait Middle School, Caesar Rodney School District – Awarded funding to purchase reusable mesh bags and marketing materials to replace the plastic bags that are currently used to distribute school meals. This will reduce waste, conserve energy used to produce the bags, and reduce GHG emissions from landfills.

Springer Middle School, Brandywine School District – Awarded funding to host a family energy education night where families and community members can learn to save energy on heat, lighting, and conserve water.

The Independence School – Awarded funding to mount an energy education display and printing materials to highlight the facility's geothermal heat pump, geothermal energy, climate change, energy conservation steps, and ongoing energy use data. The displays will also highlight sustainability and other Pathways projects.

The Tatnall School – Awarded funding to purchase climate educational tools such as Kill-a-Watts, Thermal Imaging sensors, air pollution and vehicle emissions test kit, and printing for student posters that highlight what students learn with these materials.

Wilmington Montessori – Awarded funding to purchase and install LED light bulbs and fixtures for part of their interior and exterior lighting systems.

Schools participating in the Delaware Pathways to Green Schools Program work toward achieving certification and national recognition through Eco-Schools USA and the U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools Award.

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About Green Building United

Green Building United, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is committed to promoting sustainable building in Greater Philadelphia, the Lehigh Valley and Delaware. Through education and advocacy, Green Building United aims to create a sustainable, healthy and resilient built environment for all. Green Building United offers its members and partners a wide variety of resources, tools and events to help them stay informed of the latest green building news and trends. For more information, visit www.greenbuildingunited.org and connect with us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

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