The Clinton School Sustainability Collaborative
A Whole-School Sustainability Initiative

Plan Overview for Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification Program
September 2015

Vision
We believe that all students deserve the opportunity to be educated in a healthy environment that is conducive to learning and supports their dreams for a bright future. We will create a healthy school environment by connecting people, place and purpose within a systems-based approach that enhances human, environmental and economic health through a whole-school integration of sustainability. Through collaboration with the principal, teachers, administration and staff, we will seek to institutionalize sustainability into all aspects of the educational experience, create organizational change that has a positive impact on student health and performance, and work to install efficiencies in our physical place.

Mission Statement
Throughout the process of certification in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools initiative, our mission is to design and encourage a sustainable way of life for everyone at Clinton School; one that embeds sustainability values and practices throughout our lifestyles, our education, and our community; one that nurtures our vows to care for our children and our children’s children; and, finally, one that guides us daily into a healthier and more viable future. We will work closely with Sustainable Jersey and the school district to utilize all available resources and knowledge to create intelligent solutions for certification.

Organizing Principle
Administration, staff, teachers, students, and parents all create the conditions necessary to collaboratively journey towards whole-school sustainability, using the Sustainable Jersey certification as our organizational framework.

Long-Term Goals
Bronze level (150 points), end of school year 2016-17
Silver level (350 points), end of school year 2017-18
Zero Environmental Footprint by 2020
Positive Impact on Student Health and Performance
100% Environmental Literacy

Objectives
Organizational Change:
- Organizational culture is aligned with the vision for sustainability
- Sustainability practices are integrated into everyone’s roles
- Collaboration to establish cross-cutting teams with shared ownership, personal responsibility, and commitment
- Effective and inspiring communication about sustainability for continuous improvement
- Conservation Behavior is a Social Norm: reduce first, re-use second, recycle last

Educational Program:
Leadership supports and communicates the vision for sustainability
Students are empowered to make positive change towards sustainability
Sustainability is institutionalized into the schools educational program
Principles of sustainability are woven across curriculum
Hands on project-based learning
Prepare students to be active citizens

Physical Place:
Engaging and active physical place, with both inside and outside learning environments
Progressively more efficient building improvements
School facility and grounds provide intentional teaching tools
Sustainability is institutionalized into the schools long-term operations and policies
School operations and policies support healthy lifestyles