

Participation in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification Program Resolution

Approved by the Montville Township Board of Education – May 3, 2016

WHEREAS, the Montville Township Board of Education seeks to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools to focus attention and efforts on matters of sustainability and pursue initiatives that will lead to *Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification*; and

WHEREAS, the Montville Township Board of Education and District Superintendent 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, ecofriendly and cost-effective solutions; and

WHEREAS, extensive opportunities exist to teach students about ecological, economic and social sustainability, environmental health and nutrition, to integrate sustainability education into classroom learning; and to support students in becoming leaders in making their schools healthier and more sustainable places; and

WHEREAS, many options and choices exist for schools to use resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse, and recycle; to follow Green Building Standards for construction and major renovations; to form school partnerships; to eliminate toxic chemicals; to purchase (or produce) clean energy; and to purchase recycled paper, energy-efficient equipment and other green products to protect our global environment; and

WHEREAS, sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money and reducing our impact on the environment, all of which will ensure the future health, safety, and prosperity of our children; and

WHEREAS, the Montville Township Board of Education commits to the formation of at least one Sustainability Leadership Team (also referred to as “Green Team”), based on the guidance of *Sustainable Jersey for Schools*; and

WHEREAS, Green Team members 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; and

WHEREAS, the Montville Township Board of Education will encourage Green Teams at all district schools by providing networking and educational opportunities;

THEREFORE, it is resolved that the Montville Township Board of Education agrees to participate in *Sustainable Jersey for Schools*, and it is the Board’s intention to pursue certification for schools in the district.

We hereby appoint René Rovtar to be the district’s liaison to *Sustainable Jersey for Schools*.

We do hereby recognize Cedar Hill School, Hilldale School, Valley View School, William Mason School, Woodmont School, Lazar Middle School and Montville Township High School as the agents to carry out our commitment to building a sustainable school district through the implementation of *Sustainable Jersey for Schools* actions.



Signature of Board President

May 3, 2016

Date

René Rovtar

Signature of District Superintendent

May 3, 2016

Date



Signature of Business Administrator

05/03/2016

Date