

MARYLAND SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS WEEK



October 12–16, 2026 • A week to celebrate sustainable infrastructure, student learning & school community action

Governor Wes Moore has declared October 12–16, as
Maryland Sustainable School Week.

The Outdoor Learning Partnership Sustainable Schools Workgroup invites every LEA to highlight efforts to reduce waste, conserve natural resources, and promote sustainability practices in schools.



Talbott Springs ES in Howard County (photo credit is Eric Tate, Peak Visuals/TCA Architects)

**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 12**



HEALTHY INDOOR AIR

Healthy schools start with healthy indoor environments. Good indoor air quality supports student and staff health, comfort, and the ability to learn. Districts are working to monitor and improve indoor air quality through building operations, maintenance, ventilation, and other practices.



What is your district doing to improve indoor air quality and create healthier learning environments?

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 13**



TRANSPORTATION & ELECTIFICATION

School transportation is an important part of sustainable schools and communities. Districts are exploring sustainable school buses, vehicle electrification, green energy to improve air quality & save energy.



What transportation or electrification projects are underway in your LEA?

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 14**



FOOD WASTE & RECYCLING

Schools serve thousands of meals every day, making cafeterias an important place practice implementing sustainable food waste prevention, recycling, composting, and resource conservation.



What are students and staff doing in your schools to prevent food waste and increase recycling?

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 15**



OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

Operations and maintenance decisions can reduce energy use, lower carbon emissions, improve building performance, and create healthier learning environments. Districts find ways to improve existing buildings while planning for a more sustainable future.



What examples can you share from your LEA?

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 16**



ENERGY & NET ZERO SCHOOLS

Our schools are the heart of our neighborhoods. By supporting sustainable schools and Net Zero Energy, districts create healthier learning spaces, lower energy consumption, and more sustainable learning environments.



Together, we can build schools that reflect our communities' values—safe, efficient, healthy, and powered by clean energy.



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Maryland
Green Schools



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Newly
Certified



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YOUR SCHOOL'S STORY MATTERS

Celebrate sustainable infrastructure and operations •
Connect district investments with classroom learning •
Engage students • Recognize staff and partners •
Share photos, stories and data through district communications.

What examples can you share from your LEA?



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