

Chicago Public Schools Environmental Action Plan Briefing



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Agenda

- 8:00 *Breakfast*
- 8:30 *Opening Remarks*
Arne Duncan, Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Public Schools (CPS)
- 8:35 *Overview of the Action Plan*
Suzanne Carlson, Environmental Program Manager, CPS
- 8:50 *CPS and the Chicago Climate Change Initiative*
Suzanne Malec-McKenna, Commissioner, Department of the Environment
- 9:00 *Implementation Successes*
- Computer Energy Management*
Thom Goodwin, Knowledge Manager, CPS Information Technology Services
- Environmental Education*
Vince Iturralde, Principal, Tarkington School of Excellence
- Love Food Hate Waste Program*
Bob Bloomer, Regional Vice President, Chartwells-Thompson
- School Based Teams*
Lynn Morton, Austin-Wide Parent Network
- 9:35 *Getting Involved*
Rochelle Davis, Executive Director, Healthy Schools Campaign
- 9:55 *Closing Remarks*
Bryan Samuels, Chief of Staff, CPS
- 10:00 *Adjourn*



Chicago Public Schools FY09 Environmental Action Plan

The CPS Environmental Action Plan was developed by environmental leaders within CPS and endorsed by our Senior Leadership Team in July 2008. Key Departments are now implementing these strategies in FY2009. The "Status" column indicates our accomplishments to date.

Mission Statement: To be the premier urban school district in the country, providing high quality instruction to all students, while minimizing our impact on the environment and teaching our students to be environmental stewards.

	Environmental Goal	Strategy <small>blue=top priority</small>	Status <small>green=major progress/ done; yellow=in progress; red=not started/long term</small>
TRANSPORTATION & AIR	1. Improve indoor air quality	a. Convert to Green Cleaning supplies	yellow
		b. Implement anti-idling policy and campaign for student drop-offs	yellow
	2. Reduce contribution to climate change	a. Reduce fuel consumption of CPS school buses and fleets	red
		b. Reduce fuel consumption of employee commute to work	red
		c. Pursue Safe Routes to School, Walking School Bus, and active transportation for students	green
ENERGY	3. Reduce energy usage	a. Find ITS computer update solution to allow and automate computer shut-downs	green
		b. Fund and implement strategic Energy Plan at all sites. Establish financial incentives to schools.	yellow
		c. Benchmark all CPS owned facilities in EnergyStar system. Identify 30% of facilities to achieve an 80th percentile score by 2012.	yellow
		d. Require new appliances and equipment to be Energy Star	green
	4. Increase use of renewable energy	a. Maintain 20 percent or more renewable energy purchasing. Increase renewables by 5% per year from 2009-2012 and by 2.5% per year from 2012-2016	green
		b. Support use of alternative fuels in school buses	yellow
WASTE	5. Reduce waste	a. Reduce consumption of paper	yellow
		b. Create plan to centralize output devices to multifunction devices that reduce energy, paper and materials consumption	yellow



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		c. Promote reuse of equipment and supplies	yellow
		d. Create plan to increase and sustain food waste composting in schools	red
	6. Increase recycling	a. Increase percentage of waste recycled	yellow
LAND	7. Increase green space & gardens	a. Promote conversion of pavement to gardens and learning landscapes, with long term goal of garden space at every school	yellow
		b. Pilot healthy/local/organic school lunch programs	green
WATER	8. Improve storm water management	a. Research use of pervious surface options for land uses during capital projects	red
ENGAGEMENT	9. Improve CPS administrative engagement	a. Establish and maintain CPS Green Team	green
	10. Improve school, student, parent and community engagement	a. Promote creation of school Green Teams and clubs	red
		b. Support Earth Hour campaign and City Climate Action Plan outreach	yellow
		c. Create website on CPS environmental programs, Model Green School ranking, and school-level data	yellow
		d. Create green Wish List and sponsorship opportunities for businesses and individuals	yellow
		e. Create plan to incorporate environmental education and action into curriculum, i.e. gardens, waste, energy	red
	11. Improve vendor engagement	a. Establish environmentally preferable procurement policies and standards, and include standards in evaluation criteria	yellow

Resources for Schools: *Promoting Sustainability, Creating Healthy School Environments*

Healthy school environments are tremendously important in children's well-being and academic success. Schools are also ideal places to teach valuable lessons about environmental stewardship while contributing to our society's sustainability efforts. Healthy Schools Campaign works with parents, teachers, students, community members and school leaders to improve environmental health in schools, and provides resources supporting schools' efforts to go green.



Please take advantage of the many free resources we offer, and visit www.healthyschoolscampaign.org to learn how you can stay connected to our efforts on behalf of our environment, our children and education.

Quick & Easy Guide to Green Cleaning in Schools

The improved and expanded second edition of *The Quick & Easy Guide to Green Cleaning in Schools* is a comprehensive multi-media resource to help schools clean for health without harming the environment. It includes detailed information, practical advice, tools and resources to help schools institutionalize green cleaning efforts. The new guide includes an enhanced purchasing directory with more than 500 products that meet HSC's environmental standards for schools, as well as new sections on sustainability, green cleaning for food service, integrated pest management, new technologies and more. Learn more and order your free guide online at www.greencleanschools.org.

Action and Resource Guide

The Action and Resource Guide for Healthy Schools is the essential Illinois handbook on school environmental hazards and strategies for improving school environmental health. It includes Illinois laws and regulations, resources and organizing information, and practical application suggestions for schools. It also includes safety checklists from the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Learn more and get your free copy at www.healthyschoolscampaign.org.

Resource Guide for Healthy High Performing Schools

The Illinois Resource Guide for Healthy High Performing School Buildings, an official state document, is designed to introduce school districts to the latest ideas and strategies aimed at improving the health and efficiency of new and old schools. It includes practical information, case studies, and resources for school officials, community leaders and concerned parents interested in building schools with lower-cost, high-efficiency systems. Learn more and get your free copy online at www.healthyhighperformingschools.org.

