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Green Ribbon Schools

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**Introduction:
 Green Communities Division**

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 Deputy Director
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Green Communities Division
 Serves as the hub for all Massachusetts cities and towns on energy matters



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Green Communities Division Programs & Resources for Municipalities

- Green Communities Grant and Planning Assistance Program
- MassEnergyInsight energy tracking and analysis tool
- Municipal Energy Efficiency Program
- Energy Management Procurement Assistance
- ARRA stimulus funding
- Website filled with tools & resources for municipalities
www.mass.gov/energy/greencommunities
- Email updates – Sign up today:
www.mass.gov/energy/greencommunities
- Four Regional Coordinators (West, Central, Northeast, Southeast)



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Recording & Presentation

- The webinar is being recorded and will be available on our website in approximately 48 hours at:
www.mass.gov/energy/greencommunities
- The slide presentation will also be posted at:
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- Websites are also listed at end of presentation



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Poll Question 1

We would like to know our audience; are you a:

- Public school teacher or administrator
- Charter school teacher or administrator
- Private school teacher or administrator
- School volunteer or parent
- Other



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Green Ribbon Schools: A National View



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April 26, 2011



GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS PROGRAM
April 26 launch event

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Net impact
(waste, water, energy, CO₂)

Health & performance

Environmental literacy

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A Means To Use Existing Resources to Achieve Current National Goals...

Economic health and stability

- Much needed improvements to school facilities create new jobs and save schools money
- Prepare students to participate in the green economy
- Reduce chances of losing American jobs to other countries
- Strengthen the nation's energy security
- Conserve precious natural resources

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...And Schools and Students' goals

Student Achievement

- fostering health, wellness and productivity
- providing a well-rounded education
- increasing STEM skills, content knowledge, and engagement
- ensuring students' college and career readiness and civic engagement



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EPA Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Program



<http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schooldesign/index.html>

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ED-Green Ribbon Schools . . .

- Is NOT an additional set of priorities for schools.
- Connects schools with *existing resources and standards* that advance current goals.
- Details high standards that advance current aims to
 - cut costs
 - provide a well-rounded education
 - increase STEM skills and engagement
 - foster health and wellness and ensure students' preparedness for 21st century economy and citizenship.

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How ED-Green Ribbon Schools Works

- Recognizes schools that meet a variety of existing standards, implementing or employing numerous complementary policies and resources
- Awards nation-wide recognition, *not a grant*
- Incentivizes change by communicating high standards and recognizing the most exemplary schools or individuals according to specified criteria
- Provides state applications that are a learning tool for schools to obtain a baseline assessment in all three pillars

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2012 Honorees at a Glance

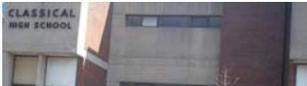
78	Schools being honored
50%	Underserved student populations
66	Public schools (including 8 charter schools)
12	Private schools
27	LEED registered or certified constructions
3	Collaborative for High Performance Schools certified constructions
17	EPA Energy Star Schools
11	EPA Indoor Quality Tools for Schools
2	Department of Energy Wind for Schools Participants
70	Schools with on-site gardens
19	National Wildlife Federation Eco-Schools
51	No idling policies
29	Safe Routes to Schools participants
1000s	Hours of community service & pounds of donated student grown harvest
100s	Corporate, foundation and community partners
100%	Environmentally literate graduates

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New England 2012 Honorees



Classical High School, RI

<http://classicalhighschool.org/>

Nathan Bishop Middle School, RI

<http://www.providenceschools.org/middle-schools/bishop>

Other 2012 Honoree Applications



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40 Authorities Intending To Nominate in 2012-2013



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Poll Question #2

When did you first learn about the Green Ribbon Schools award recognition program?

- Last year
- When Massachusetts announced its participation this fall
- Other



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Important Dates 2012-2013

- **October 19** Letter of intent to apply from schools or districts (Please send to Lauren Greene at ESE by email at lgreene@doe.mass.edu)
- **December 14** School and district applications due to ESE
- **February 15** Massachusetts submits nominees to US Dept. of Education
- **April 2013** National Honorees announced by USED
- **Spring 2013** In-state recognition ceremony for Massachusetts nominees
- **June 2013** National Honorees awarded at a national ceremony



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Application & Submission Process

- Accepting applications from public and private schools
 - Each authority is permitted as many as four nominations.
 - At least one must be a school with at least 40 percent of their students from a disadvantaged background. The fourth school must be a private school.
- 1st year USED is accepting district applications. Separate guidelines coming soon. Parties interested in applying as a district should include that in the letter of intent.
- State education authorities evaluate schools based on the 3 Pillars and Frameworks.
- Applicants **must** be in compliance with federal, state and local civil rights, health, safety and environmental laws.



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- www.doe.mass.edu
- School / District Administration
- Finance / Grants
- School Building Issues (side bar)
- Green Ribbon Schools Award



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Poll Question #3

Have you applied for or received another green or sustainable school award in the past?

- Yes
- No



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Poll Question #4

How likely are you to submit an application to ESE for the Green Ribbon Schools recognition award this school year?

- Definitely
- Likely
- Uncertain
- No

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