



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

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**Green Ribbon Schools**

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*Webinar*

*October 10, 2012*

*1:00 PM*

**The webinar will start in a few minutes...**



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**Introduction:  
Green Communities Division**

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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](http://www.mass.gov/energy/greencommunities)
- Email updates – Sign up today:  
[www.mass.gov/energy/greencommunities](http://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](http://www.mass.gov/energy/greencommunities)
- The slide presentation will also be posted at: [www.mass.gov/energy/greencommunities](http://www.mass.gov/energy/greencommunities)
- Websites are also listed at end of presentation



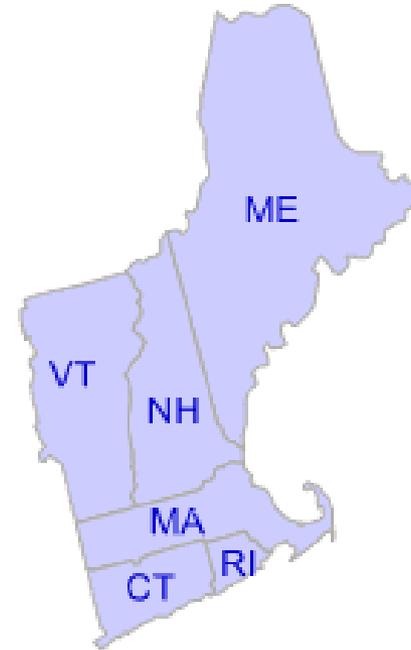
# Poll Question 1

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



# Green Ribbon Schools: A National View



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# GreenRibbonSchools

The logo graphic consists of three horizontal green lines that curve downwards at their ends, resembling a stylized ribbon or a book's spine.

- Blog <http://www.ed.gov/blog/tag/green-ribbon-schools/>
- Website <http://www.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools>.
- Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/EDGreenRibbonSchools>.
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**April 26, 2011**



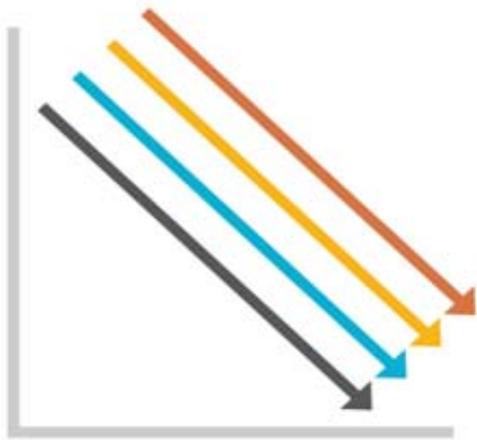
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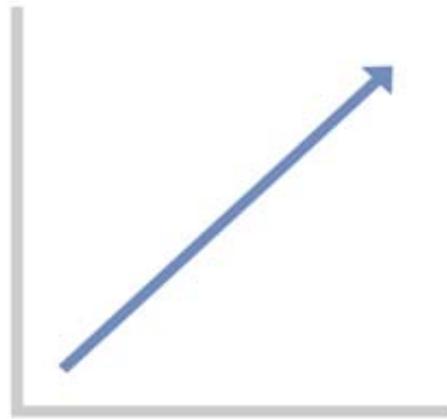
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Net impact  
(waste, water, energy, CO<sub>2</sub>)



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.



# 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/)  
<http://classicalhighschool.org/>

[Nathan Bishop Middle School- RI](http://www.providenceschools.org/middle-schools/bishop)  
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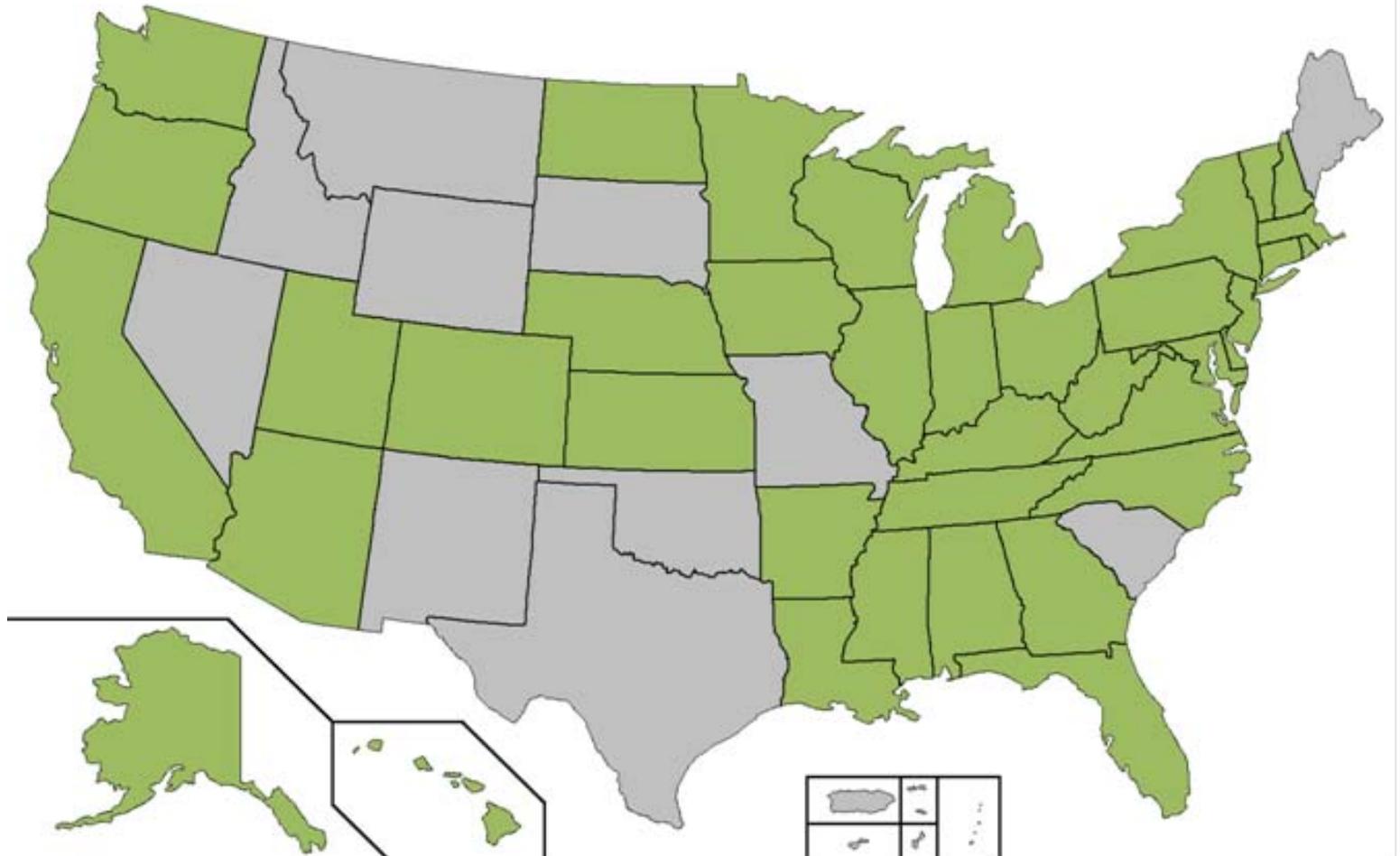
[Other 2012 Honoree Applications](#)



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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](mailto: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.
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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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## School Building Issues

### Green Ribbon Schools Award

Launched by the U.S. Department of Education (USED) in 2011, the [Green Ribbon Schools](#) recognition honors schools that are exemplary in reducing environmental impact and costs, improving the health and wellness of students and staff, and delivering effective environmental and sustainability education that incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), civic skills, and green career pathways. This is the first year that Massachusetts is participating in the program. Technical assistance for interested schools will be available through the Executive Office Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) and its agencies, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE), the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Massachusetts School Building Authority, and a working group of non-governmental agencies.

#### Important Dates

- October 5 - Green Ribbon Schools Award Conference in MA (sponsored by DPH)
- October 10 - Green Ribbon Schools Award Webinar (Please register at <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/356757679>)
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 [Patrick-Murray Administration Seeks K-12 School Nominees for Federal Green Ribbon Schools Award](#)

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 [The Green Strides Webinar Series \( US Department of Education\)](#)

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# Poll Question #3

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

- Yes
- No



# 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



# THANK YOU!

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