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The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education Announces 2016 Maryland Green School Awards

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Harford County Public Schools is pleased to share that the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) announced that C. Milton Wright High School has been newly certified as a 2016 Maryland Green School. In addition, Jarrettsville Elementary, Hickory Elementary, and Churchville Elementary schools have been recertified as 2016 Maryland Green Schools.

This year, Churchville Elementary School also achieved Sustainable School status. After 14 years of demonstrating a continuous effort to integrate sustainable environmental management practices, environmental education curriculum, professional development opportunities, and community engagement, MAEOE recognizes that Churchville Elementary staff, students, and local community will continue to benefit from the school's sustainable practices over time.

"Encouraging our students to be global citizens includes environmental education," said Superintendent of Schools Barbara P. Canavan. "We are very proud of each of the schools honored this year; they have dedicated themselves to making a difference and reducing the environmental impact at their school through education, professional development and school-wide events and environmental best practices like recycling and composting. We look forward to continuing our green school efforts!"

Maryland Green Schools are part of a national and international community of sustainable green schools. The students are becoming better stewards of our Earth's resources and developing a deeper understanding of their own local environment.

The Maryland Green Schools program encourages educational opportunities for preK-12 schools that increase awareness and understanding of environmental relationships that impact public health and the local community. The program is aligned with Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement 2014 goals and supports Maryland State Department of Education graduation requirements and standards.

Over the past two years, these schools have demonstrated and documented a continuous effort to integrate green practices into daily operations. These awards signify that the schools have made a commitment to developing stewards of the earth and reducing the environmental impact of their schools.

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“Students, teachers, school personnel, parents and community partners are working together to create a positive and lasting environment at school. Their actions are essential to becoming a Maryland Green School,” says Laura Johnson Collard, MAEOE executive director. “Students are involved in projects that save energy, reduce waste, and other sustainable practices.”

MAEOE will celebrate with Green Schools, Green Centers and schools that are interested in knowing more about the program at the Annual Maryland Green School Youth Summit on May 13, 2016, at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis.

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