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Kerry Kirk Pflugh President Friends of the New Jersey School of Conservation P.O. Box 358 Brick, N.J. 08723

Dear Kerry,

We wish to express our support for the Friends of the New Jersey School of Conservation in its response to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) for the management of the New Jersey School of Conservation (NJSOC) and its facilities. It is our intent to work in collaboration with the Friends to explore opportunities to leverage NJSOC's reputation and expertise in providing sustainability training for school board members.

The New Jersey School Boards Association's **Certified Green Leader** program helps school board members, who are the decision-makers of a school district, better understand the bottom line of environment, economics and education. By learning to view their respective districts through the lens of sustainability, they are able to lead with a shared sustainable future for the school and the community in mind.

The Friends of NJSOC will work collaboratively with NJSBA to provide opportunities for school board members, as needed, to achieve Green Leader certification through participation in programs, and also to allow for the accumulation of credits for completing prescribed Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions. Examples of such collaboration include, but are not limited to: providing destination events for school board members, offering training in the use of

outdoor classrooms, and participation by NJSOC in the NJSBA's Workshop in Atlantic City in the I-STEAM Green Command Center.

The New Jersey School Boards Association welcomes the collaboration of the Friends of NJSOC or its designee in to assist NJSBA in training school board members. When a school board adopts a policy on sustainability, it conveys a commitment that reinforces sustainability as part of the culture of the school and community.

Sincerely,

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