Shawn M. LaTourette, Commissioner 401 E. State St. 7th Floor, East Wing P.O. Box 402 Trenton, NJ 08625-0402

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to ask that the permanent managers of the School of Conservation, be the Friends of the New Jersey School of Conservation.

I feel they are the best choice, because they have been the leading force to keep this institution open. I applaud their persistence, in wanting to keep it open for future generations to learn from and enjoy.

I have accompanied my school for many years and have seen the positive influence it has. The students are enthusiastic about going and learning how they can keep our resources safe and fruitful for animals and humans alike. The many varied activities keep the students interested and active the whole time they are attending. In fact, they do not want to leave to come home when it is time.

The staff of the school is always friendly and knowledgeable of whatever activity they are leading. I know many students look forward to this trip as a fifth grader, unfortunately due to the pandemic and the closing, 2 years of students have been unable to attend. I hope for future 5th graders, there will be a School of Conservation for them to attend and learn from.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Vanessa Holowienka John Adams Elementary School