



## CLIFTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### **Sustainable Jersey for Schools & PSEG Foundation Grant Acquisition**

In January 2018, Christopher Columbus Middle School put together a team of staff and students with the intention of acquiring a \$10,000 grant sponsored by Sustainable Jersey for Schools and the PSEG Foundation. These grants are intended to help school districts and schools make progress toward a sustainable future.

We are proud to report that our school successfully attained a grant award in the amount of \$10,000. Funds from this grant have been used for the purchase and installation of nine Elkay ezH2O Water Bottle Filling Stations throughout our building. These stations, equipped with water filtration and refrigeration, will ensure access to clean, safe drinking water our entire learning community for decades to come.

The acquisition of this grant marks the beginning of an era of sustainability for Christopher Columbus Middle School. Students have been issued reusable water bottles and are now encouraged to carry these bottles throughout their school day. At our halfway mark, the stations have provided enough water to replace over 15,000 20 ounce plastic bottles. Educators will soon implement lessons to raise awareness about the importance of sustainable living, and the benefits of regular hydration.

We offer gracious appreciation to Sustainable Jersey for Schools, as well as the PSEG Foundation, for awarding us with this \$10,000 grant. We also thank, and congratulate, all members of the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grant Committee, who worked tirelessly to ensure a sustainable future for our school.

We are proud to be building a sustainable future for our children. For more information on Sustainable Jersey for Schools, please visit [www.sustainablejersey.com/grants-resources/](http://www.sustainablejersey.com/grants-resources/). Thank you for all you do to ensure that Christopher Columbus Middle School remains a fine community for young learners!

Best Regards,

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