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Find the “Gold” Lining in Your School’s “Green” Initiative

Attend San José’s Third Annual Schools Environmental Conference

Event: This conference will help schools and school districts learn how to save money by protecting natural resources and fostering the next generation of environmental advocates. San José’s Green Vision features a landmark plan to create a green future. Schools and school districts play a vital role in achieving this vision.

Teachers, parents, principals, students, counselors, and community members from throughout the Bay Area are invited to attend. School district superintendents, administrators, and school board members are encouraged to participate.

When: Saturday, April 4, 2009

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

San José Fairmont Hotel, 170 Market Street, San José

Cost: \$20 through March 28

\$50 after March 28

Background: Learn how K-12 schools can “go green” with recycling, composting and worm composting, water and energy conservation, on-site gardening, and connecting children with nature/environmental education. Plus, find out how schools can apply for green program funding.

This year’s keynote speakers include Stephen Bantillo, Assistant Director of the California Department of Conservation’s Beverage Recycling Program, and local environmental studies teaching legend Frank Schiavo. The conference is organized around four themes:

- **Gold from Green:** Green School Facilities Saving Energy, Water, Waste and School Budgets – *for school district superintendents, administrators and school board members*
- **Green Schools 101:** Basic “How To” for Beginners
- **Green Schools Beyond the Basics:** Next Steps for Intermediate Green Schoolers
- **Connecting Children with Nature:** Environmental Education/Local Nature Field Trips

To register or for more information, visit the conference Web site

www.sjrecycles.org/gogreen/GoGreenSchoolConference.asp, email the San José Go Green Schools Program sjgreenschools@sanjoseca.gov, or call (408) 975-2533.

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