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Subject: New Providence High School is awarded grant from Sustainable Jersey

New Providence High School was recently awarded a \$2,000 grant from Sustainable Jersey for Schools. Funded by the PSEG Foundation, grants are awarded to help build healthy, resilient and sustainable schools. Grant proposals were evaluated by an independent Blue-Ribbon Selection Committee.

Teachers Alexandra Martin and Paula McGraw wrote the grant proposal for a Hydroponics Garden and Outdoor Learning Center. High school parent, Ms. Jimin Liu, greatly assisted with this grant proposal as well. The grant will allow New Providence High School to start hydroponic grow walls (the process of growing plants with added nutrients, but without soil). Herbs can be grown for cooking in the Foods class in the Family and Consumer Science room. Seedlings may also be started for the greenhouse used by high school students in a variety of classes. The district maintenance department, overseen by Mr. James Trench, will assist with installation.

"We would like to thank Sustainable Jersey for Schools and the PSEG Foundation for providing the New Providence School District with this wonderful grant opportunity. This grant will allow us to continue to support the hydroponic grow wall and garden classrooms in our school. Hydroponics are the wave of the future as they enable the growth of healthy plants and provide for a community connection. The grant will enable our school to explore this technique further as well as prepare our students for future careers in innovative technologies. We greatly appreciate your generosity and look forward to continuing to offer our students unique learning experiences with your support." states New Providence High School administration on behalf of the New Providence School District.