

# An Invitation to Our School's Green Team



Dear....

As you may know, our school is participating in the Madison County Green Schools program. **This letter is to invite you to be a part of our school's Green Team for the 2015-16 school year.**

You might be thinking, "*What does this mean?*"

As part of the Madison County Green Schools Program, we are going to work with the Madison County Green Schools Coordinator, Kim Petzing, to benchmark and develop Green Goals for the coming school year and up to three years out.

**The Green Team will assist with the (quick and easy) benchmarking process along with the decisions regarding which green school activities our school will participate in.**

To accomplish this, we **will meet twice during the year for ~30-45 minutes**, once in September, and then again mid-way through in January or February. **That's it!**

It's up to the Green Team members how involved they want to be outside of these meetings.  
(For more information on the Green Team, see the "FAQs" on the back of this letter.)

If you'd like to participate, please let me know. I will be working with the Madison County Green Schools Coordinator and our administrator to arrange the first meeting during September.

Thank you in advance for considering!

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# Madison County School Green Team Frequently Asked Questions

## Why do we need a Green Team?

The formation of a Green Team is based on the idea that in order to be successful, sustainability requires a whole-system approach, requiring individuals from across the organization to work together.

## What do we hope to accomplish with the Green Team?

By creating a green team, we hope to accomplish the following:

- More staff, faculty, and students are aware of and have a say in the Green School activities that are occurring, further increasing the likelihood of success of any program(s) we undertake.
- We make ourselves more open to opportunities that may become available to us (i.e. funding for solar panels or school bus modifications), that the Green School Coordinator cannot tackle on his or her own.
- The ability to undertake even larger and more impactful projects.

## Who should be on the Green Team?

Green Teams can be comprised of any combination of:

- a) Green School Coordinators(s) = primary point person
- b) Administrator
- c) Facilities Staff
- d) Church Representative (if parochial)
- e) Other Teachers
- f) PTO member(s) and/or parent
- g) Student(s)
- h) Whoever we think can help!

(It's up to the Green School Coordinator and the school administrator to decide who to invite.)