

Teacher Fellowship Program has supported more than 250 teachers to develop solutions-focused units of study. Other programs within the initiative include the Environmental Literacy Community of Practice, which brings educators and community partners together to network, problem solve, and exchange innovative sustainable solutions; the One Planet Schools Challenge, which offers schools and districts a pathway towards becoming a Green Ribbon school; and the Environmental Youth Leaders Network, which inspires, educates, and empowers local students to improve their community's sustainability efforts.

Green Ribbon Award applicants receive one of four levels of achievement, from Bronze to Green Achievers, according to their progress in three areas or "pillars." The pillars include reducing environmental impact and costs; improving health and wellness of schools, students, and staff; and providing effective cross-disciplinary environmental education and green career pathways.

"We are honored to receive the Green Ribbon Award for the second year in a row," shared San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools Nancy Magee. "The award recognizes our commitment to sustainability, both within the County Office of Education and in schools and districts across San Mateo County. We will continue to deepen our programs and efforts."

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The San Mateo County Office of Education is committed to ensuring excellence and equity in education by inspiring students, investing in teachers, invigorating leaders, and involving communities.

