

# BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Mr. Vance Benton, Principal  
Patterson High School  
27 N. Lakewood Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21224

Re: Systemic Partnership between Patterson High School and  
Baltimore City Public Schools

Dear Mr. Benton:

This letter describes some of the work between Patterson High School (Patterson HS) and Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) during the past two years, and serves as documentation for your application to be a MAEOE Green School.

In 2015-16:

- Two Patterson HS teachers, Kelly Hope and David Hopp, participated in the Green Leader Achievement Unit (AU) program. As part of the current teacher contract, teachers earn AUs as part of their annual evaluation, by taking on additional responsibilities, and by successfully completing professional development. At Patterson HS, teachers completed a variety of greening programs including working with the Audubon Society, traveling to North Point State Park, and creating a student green team.
- Patterson HS received a Green, Healthy, Smart Challenge grant via the City's Office of Sustainability, a key partner with City Schools. The grants are for student-led greening efforts, and at Patterson HS the funds were used to support the work of the newly-formed Green Team.
- Patterson HS received a School Energy Hub grant from the Baltimore Energy Challenge, a key partner with City Schools. The funds were used to educate the school community.

In 2016-17:

- Patterson HS has designated one staff person, Kelly Hope, as the School Sustainability Ambassador, who is the point of contact for greening and sustainability work, as required by City Schools' Sustainability Policy passed in June 2016.

- Kelly Hope and Karen Scott are participating in the Green Leader AU program.
- Patterson HS is receiving a Green, Healthy, Smart Challenge grant via the City's Office of Sustainability to support a project entitled "Good Eats."

Please note that in Baltimore City, the school system is a separate entity than the City of Baltimore. Therefore, while the City's Office of Sustainability is technically not part of the school system, we are close partners, share funding raised for school greening efforts, and coordinate our work closely.

If you have any questions, I am available to talk by phone (443-642-4542) or email ([jpi-sunyer@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:jpi-sunyer@bcps.k12.md.us)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanna Pi-Sunyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Joanna Pi-Sunyer  
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