Clean Air Partners Board of Directors Meeting

Education Program Updates
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April 17, 2025



How can we educate students to transform awareness of air quality and climate change into personal actions that protect their communities in the Baltimore-Washington region?

Objective: Promote the use of *On the Air* curriculum. (FY 2023 Work Plan)

Activity

Target CAP participating member school systems, charter, private, and independent schools in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Northern Virginia.

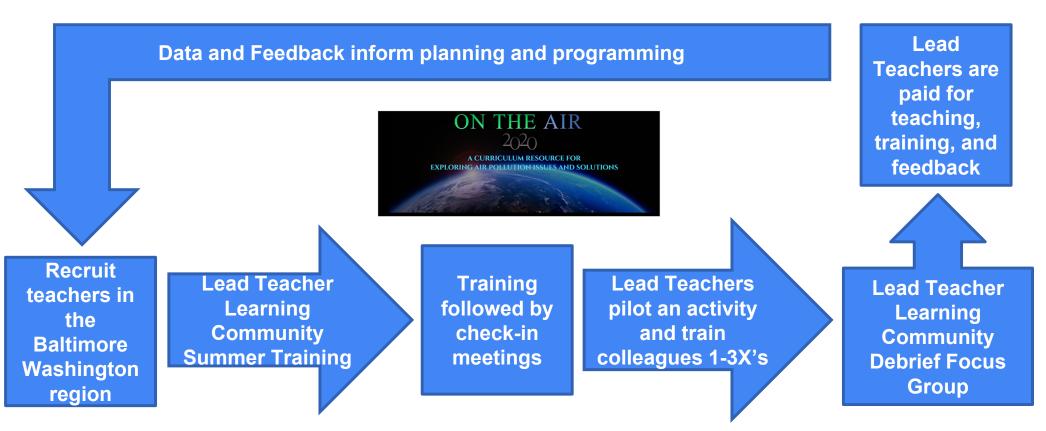
Build relationships with stakeholders in public, charter, private and independent schools, school districts, and teachers of grades 5-12 across the BW region to create legacy and longevity for the CAP's Education Program.

Develop evaluation tools to conduct a needs assessment and gauge the extent of promoting the On the Air curriculum and Train-The-Trainer model in the BW region.

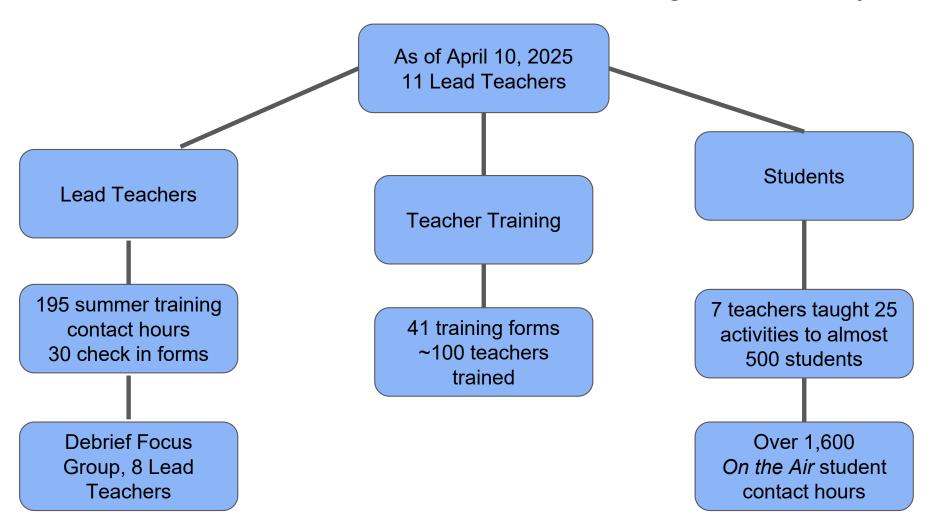
Numbers of Schools School Type, Grade Levels, Subjects Geography Current network
Surveys
Partnerships to build new
relationships

Stakeholder experience
Surveys
Needs Assessments
Communication/Support

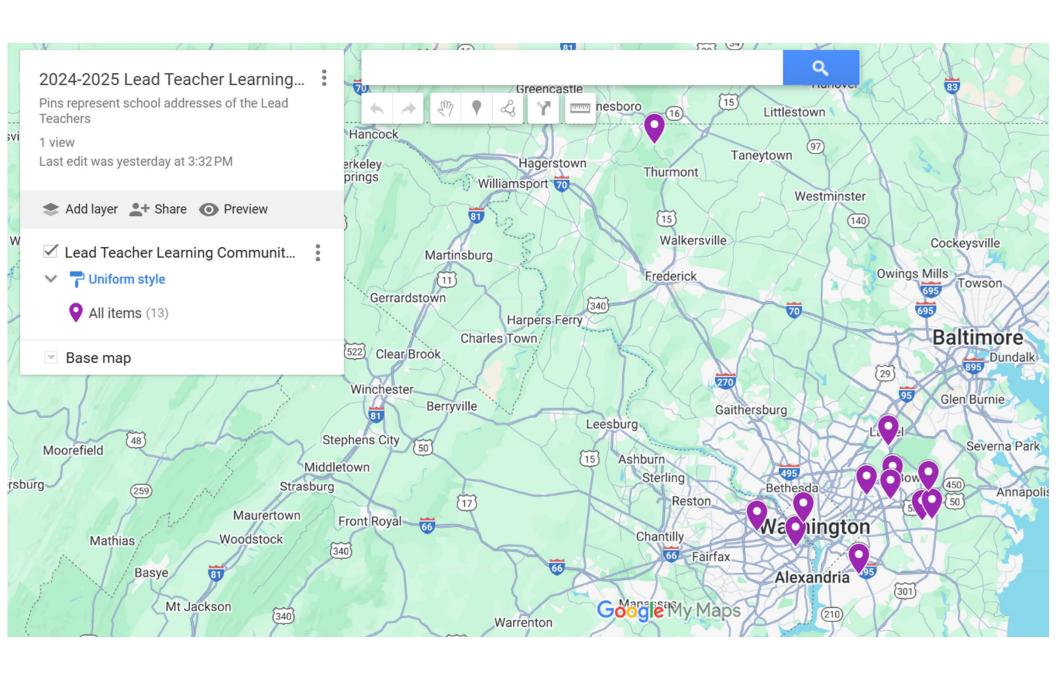
On the Air Train-the-Trainer Model



2024-2025 Lead Teacher Learning Community



Lead Teachers



Teacher Feature

Welcome to our Teacher Feature

Clean Air Partners highlights a teacher involved in our Lead Teacher Learning Community or Teachers who implement *On the Air* in their classrooms. We dedicate this space to recognize teacher commitment to youth environmental literacy.

Stephanie Isennock
Middle School Science Teacher
Sabillasville Environmental School
Frederick, Maryland



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Special Recognition of Tashna Morris-Daley

Clean Air Partners empowers teachers with the content and tools to make air quality real for their students. Our investment fosters change in classrooms, on school campuses and seeks to make a difference across school districts, and inspire action at the state level and nationwide.

Tashna Morris-Daley is a role model for our teachers. Her commitment to air quality education is transforming science education. As the PGCPS Air Quality Lead Teacher, she is empowering teachers and ensuring their students have the tools to analyze air quality and advocate for change, supporting both state environmental standards and the district's Climate Action Plan.

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Teacher Trainings

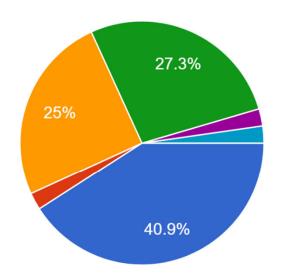
Teacher Trainings—Some highlights

- 32 out of 44 would like to receive updates from Clean Air Partners
- ²/₃ were high school teachers
- Top subjects taught: Biology, Environmental Science, Middle School
- Other subjects reported: physical education and world I history
- Most reported teaching more than 10 years
- 93% have never worked with Clean Air Partners

Teacher Trainings—Some highlights

Do you already teach air quality and/or climate change in your science classes?

44 responses



- Yes, both air quality and climate change
- Yes, air quality only
- Yes, climate change only
- No, neither
- Just started a new curriculum so not sure if it'll come up in one of the future lessons
- will be integrating both air quality and climate change in units 2 and 3

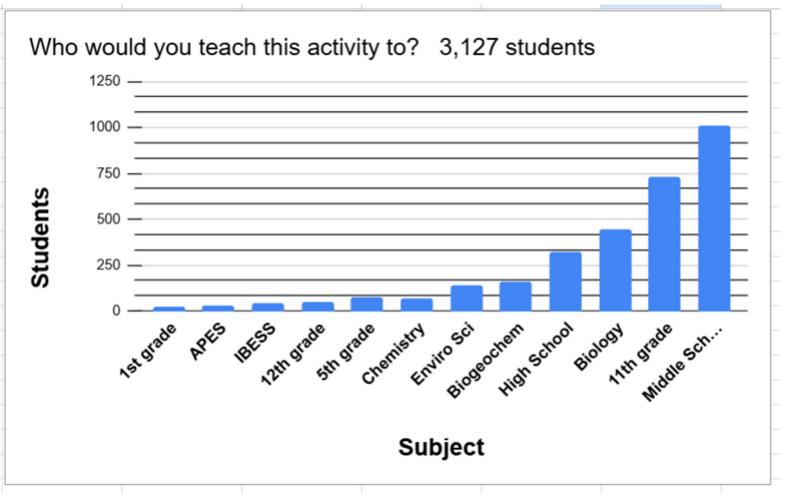
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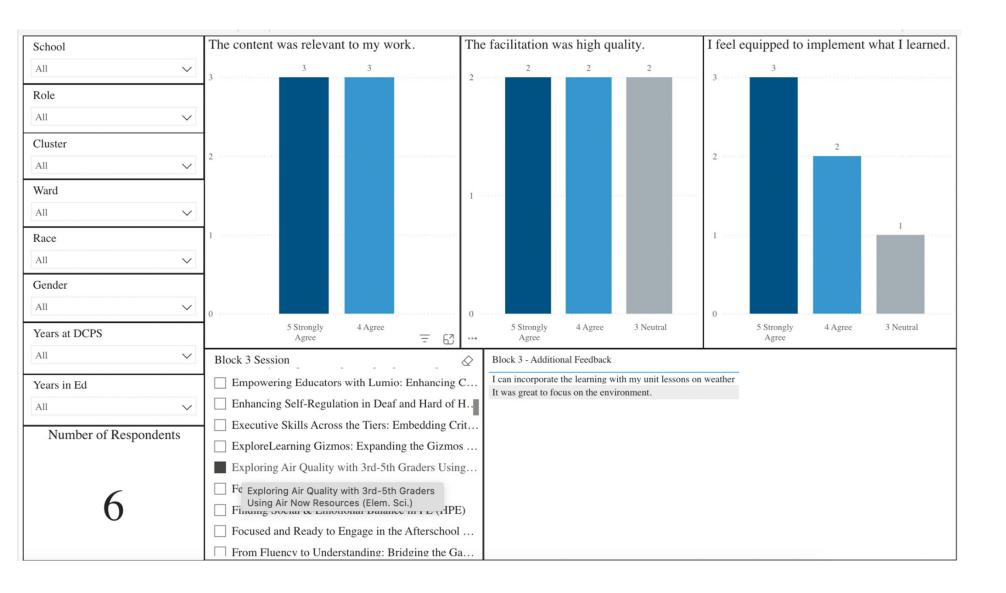
- Top training topics: data literacy, human impact on dead zones, criteria air pollutants
- 80%+ satisfied with training and with the activity and 60%+ likely to teach the activity (scale 1-3; 1 dissatisfied, 2 neutral, 3 satisfied)
- If not likely to teach the lesson→ 'does not apply to overloaded curriculum', 'harder to apply to chemistry'

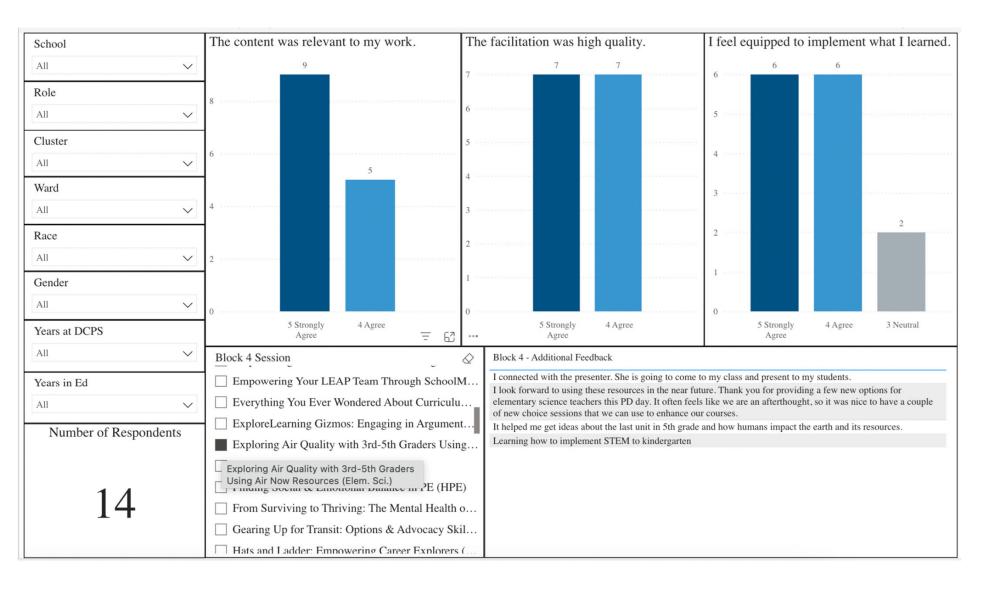
Positive comments:

- Keep providing us with great lessons.
- Ms. Solomon did an excellent presentation.
- ...meaningful and relevant.
- Great help to continue my professional development.
- It was enlightening, Engaging, I learned a lot thank you!

Physics	24
1st grade	26
APES	30
IBESS	40
12th grade	50
5th grade	75
Chemistry	70
Enviro Sci	140
Biogeochem	160
High School	320
Biology	447
11th grade	734
Middle School	1011











MAEOE Conference February 2025





Students

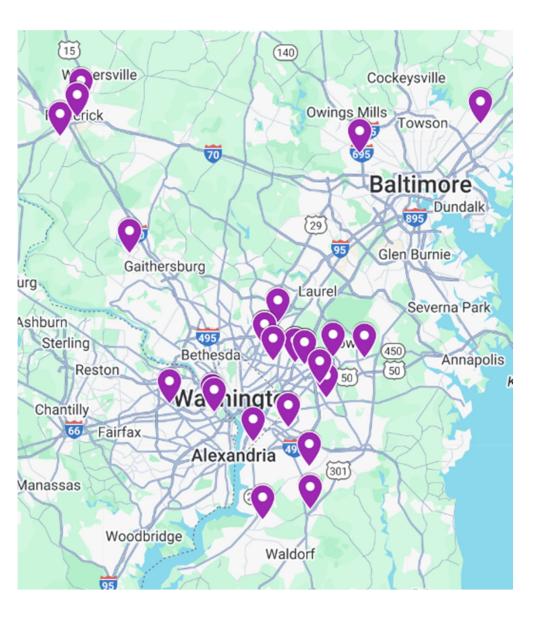
Students via feedback forms

- 100% of Lead Teachers reported they are learning more about AQ
- 100% reported their students are more interested in AQ
- 100% reported knowing the science content would NOT be a barrier to teaching the activities in non-science classes
 - Some comments: Fairly easy, require little or no experience, need some foundational knowledge, graph analysis, appropriate, scripted parts help new teachers, interdisciplinary theme

Students via email

- Number of activities taught: 25
- Number of students taught 481
- Number of On the Air student contact hours: 1,630
- Some highlights: 1 elementary school teacher, 1 sponsors Green Team and Youth Climate Institute, 1 activity co-taught, 1 teacher part of Purple Air LCS serving over 200 students, 1 teacher leading the AQ PLC this year and will continue next year

2025-2026 Lead Teacher Recruitment



32 Teachers have signed up for an LTLC Information Session

Upcoming information sessions:

- April 29, 2025
- May 20, 2025
- June 10, 2025

Application/MOU due June 13, 2025

9 Applicants

Summer Training Options:

- June 24-26, 2025
- August 5-7, 2025

2024-2025 Tabling, Workshops, Other Outreach

SY 2024-2025, as of April 10, 2025

Tabling	Professional Development	Other Outreach
CLEW-Youth Outreach		CLEW
Frederick County Green	FCPS,VA	CEEJH Symposium
Careers	PGCPS AQ PCLC	NAAEE
VAST	ACPS	AGU
BTT Betty Hyatt	DCPS	NoVA PTA's/PTO's
	MAEOE	
	NSTA	

Conferences, Tabling, other Outreach Spring 2025



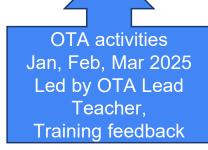


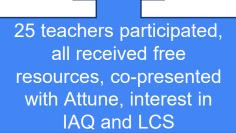
PGCPS AQ Professional Learning Community



MAEOE three-hour workshop and tabling







Betty Hyatt BTT/CAP Tree Planting Event 3/15/25



Conferences, Tabling, other Outreach



Letters of Support for partnerships



DCEEC Teacher Night February 13, 2025



NASA STELLA AQ pilot STEM project



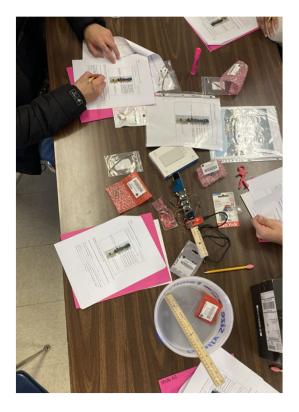
Three letters to support
Institute for Humane Education
to train VA teachers about
solutionary framework, OTA
module 4 MWEE



Networking opportunity, tabling in 2026

Students successfully built a LCS to measure CO2 and PM2.5

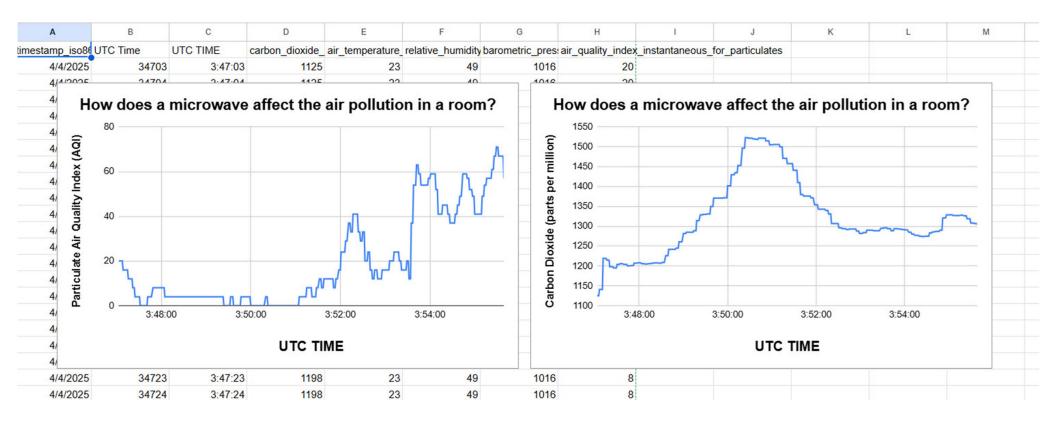
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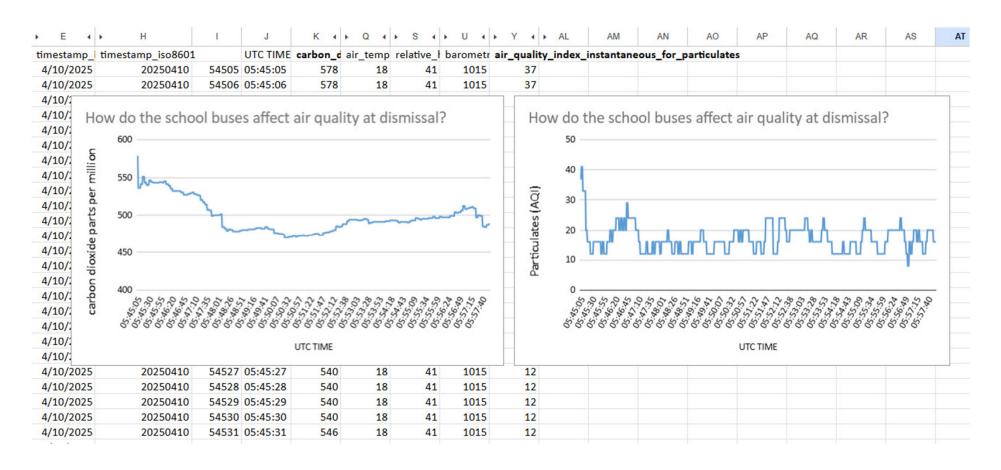




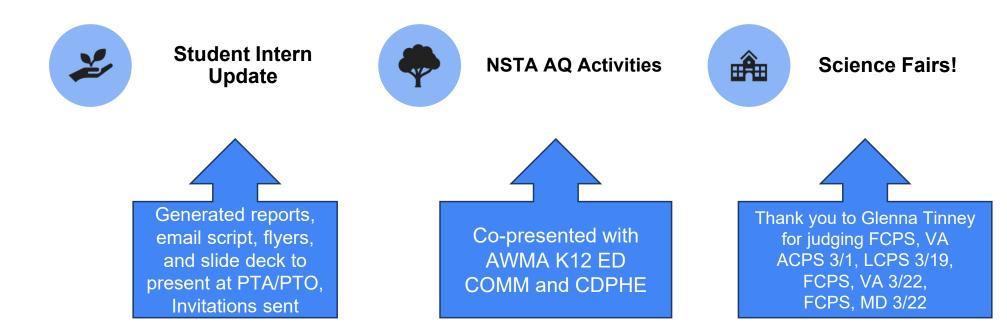
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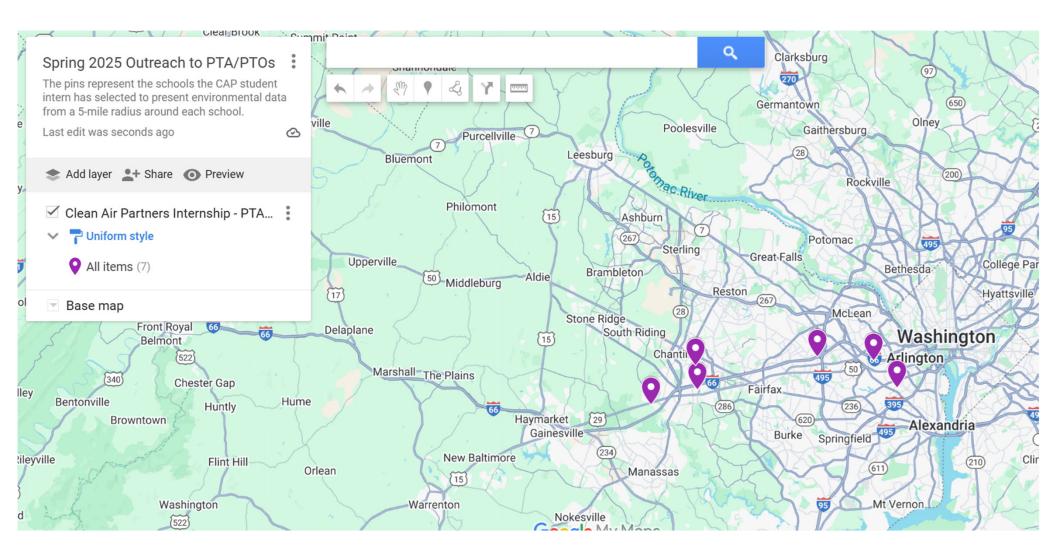


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Conferences, Tabling, other Outreach





National Science Teaching Association March 26-29, 2025

Air & Waste Management Association's K12 Education Committee, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and Clean Air Partners





Designing a Sustainable Data Center Model



Science Fair Awards to...

Arlington County Public Schools	The Effects of Architecture on Airflow
Loudoun County Public Schools	Designing a Sustainable Data Center Model
Fairfax County Public Schools	1st: Engineering Energy Efficiency: Cooling Through Trigonal Siding 2nd: Air Pollution and Population Density in the DMV Region 3rd: How Do Vehicle Emissions Affect the Troposphere at Justice High School?
Frederick County Public Schools	Can Green Zones Save Lives? Analyzing the Impact of Vegetation on PM2.5 and Cancer Rates

Upcoming and Ongoing Outreach and Networking

- Invited Leidos and Attune to continue to support LTLC
- Maryland Climate Teach In April 13-19, 2025
- AQ at Bruce Monroe ES Earth Day for K-5 graders April 23, 2025
- PGCPS Student Environmental Action Summit, Bowie State April 24, 2025
- Arbor Day BTT planting 45 trees at Patterson HS in Baltimore April 26, 2025
- Howard County Conservancy presentation on wildfires April 30, 2025
- DOEE LCS Open Data for Schools May TBD
- Ongoing PGCPS AQ Professional Learning Community May TBD
- Air Quality Education Work Group meeting May 5, 2025
- NASA GLOBE meeting May 7-9, 2025
- PGCPS Green Schools Event May 8, 2025
- MAEOE Youth Summit, Sandy Point SP May 29, 2025



Thank you to Jami Hill, Kristen Willard, Anna Marshall, Kelsey Sisko, and Mike Taylor for all the links, data files, etc to share with those who've reached out with a need for AQ, UHI, CC information!

Thank you. Questions?

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Let's partner. Interest in...

- co-presenting
- joining a summer LTLC training-introduce yourself, your org, your commitment to AQ
- introducing me to your networks
- collaborating on grants and sponsorships
- introducing me to your organization