



## New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

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### **Christie Administration Launches School Lighting Upgrade and Replacement Initiative**

*Participating K-12 schools will receive incentives covering 100% of total energy efficiency project costs*

**Trenton, N.J.** – Today, the Christie Administration announced the launch of a new initiative designed to promote energy efficient lighting upgrades in public and private schools throughout the state. A total of \$6 million has been allocated to pay project costs, which will be available to participants on a first come, first served basis.

The New Jersey's Board of Public Utilities' (BPU) Schools Lighting Initiative provides for the replacement of T-12 fixtures in New Jersey's K-12 school facilities with T-8 and T-5 energy-efficient lighting. Upgrading to high efficiency lighting significantly reduces operating costs and helps in the effort to lower carbon dioxide emissions. The incentives, provided through New Jersey's Clean Energy Program™(CEP), will cover the entire cost of the upgrades, including materials, labor, permitting and proper disposal of the T-12 fixtures.

All public and private K-12 schools in New Jersey that contribute to the Societal Benefits Charge are eligible to participate. This initiative serves as a supplement to the CEP programs: NJ SmartStart Buildings prescriptive lighting incentive, Pay for Performance, or Direct Install. Participants will be required to meet all conditions and criteria of the chosen program.

Incentives range from approximately \$100 to \$500 per fixture depending on the type and are offered in association with complete fixture replacement.

“Lighting efficiency was not a priority when most schools were designed. On average, lighting represents more than 30% of a school's electricity usage, making it an ideal choice for efficiency improvements,” said NJBPU President Bob Hanna. “Proper lighting can have a dramatic effect on learning and overall well-being in the classroom, while at the same time advancing Governor Christie's Energy Master Plan energy conservation goals.”

School administrators interested in participating or learning more about the T-12 Lighting Replacement Initiative can visit [NJCleanEnergy.com/T12](http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com/T12) <<http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com/T12>> . The site includes additional specifics of the T12 Schools Lighting Initiative along with links to the application, required worksheets and detailed incentive tables. The web page also includes links to NJ SmartStart Buildings, Pay for Performance and Direct Install where additional materials can be accessed.

**About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU)**

*The NJBPU is a state agency and regulatory authority mandated to ensure safe, adequate and proper utility services at reasonable rates for New Jersey customers. Critical services regulated by the NJBPU include natural gas, electricity, water, wastewater, telecommunications and cable television. The Board has general oversight responsibility for monitoring utility service, responding to consumer complaints, and investigating utility accidents. To find out more about the NJBPU, visit our web site at [www.nj.gov/bpu](http://www.nj.gov/bpu). <<http://www.bpu.state.nj.us/>>*

**About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP):**

*NJCEP, established on January 22, 2003 in accordance with the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (EDECA), provides financial and other incentives to the State's residential customers, businesses and schools that install high-efficiency or renewable energy technologies, thereby reducing energy usage, lowering customers' energy bills and reducing environmental impacts. The program is authorized and overseen by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), and its website is [www.NJCleanEnergy.com](http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com) <<http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com>> .*

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