

# BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Ms. Janine Patterson, Principal  
Reginald F. Lewis High School  
6401 Pioneer Drive.  
Baltimore, MD 21214

Re: Systemic Partnership between Reginald F. Lewis High School  
Baltimore City Public Schools

Dear Ms. Patterson:

This letter describes some of the work between Reginald F. Lewis High School (RFL) and Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) this year, and serves as documentation for your application to be a MAEOE Green School.

- One RFL teacher, Matthew Biegel, is participating 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 RFL, Mr. Biegel is leading the school's effort to become a MAEOE Green School and is leading a variety of greening programs.
- RFL has designated one staff person, Matthew Biegel, 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.
- RFL is receiving a School Energy Hub grant from the Baltimore Energy Challenge, a key partner with City Schools. The funds are being used to coordinate the school's participation in the PowerDown! Energy reduction competition that City Schools is running right now for four weeks (22 schools are competing to see which can reduce its electricity use by the greatest percentage).

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" and a long, sweeping underline.

Joanna Pi-Sunyer  
Green Schools Coordinator