Washington Green Schools has a lot to be grateful for this year. Like you, we are proud to live in this state; we are proud of our beautiful environment and the inspiring people that we get to share it with. We want to ensure that Washington can continue to be a vibrant, sustainable place where families can thrive, and we believe that schools should be centers for positive change in our communities. Guided by this vision and your support, Washington Green Schools is securing a green and healthy future for our children.

This year we welcomed 29 new certified Washington Green Schools, transforming some 20,000 students into confident leaders and problem solvers. From Camas to Cheney, and Seattle to Spokane, these students investigated environmental issues at their schools and took action with real results. By collaborating with one another, they conserved energy and water, created new school gardens, reduced waste, and saved almost $40,000 for their schools. Behind the scenes, educators from all over the state received classroom resources and professional development, and connecting with the green schools network strengthened their impact. And, none of this would have been possible without you.

While we’re taking this moment to reflect on the last year, as always, we’re also planning for the future. With your support, one day every school in the state will be a certified green school, educating our kids and leading change in our region. You are the future of Washington Green Schools, and we thank you for cultivating the seeds of a healthy, sustainable world.

Best wishes,

Meredith Lohr and Kim Armstrong
Co-Executive Directors
**Student Leadership**

By participating in Green Teams, students collaborate to lead change in their schools, applying their knowledge and skills to solve real-world problems connected to their own lives. At **Denny Middle School**, the Green Team educated other students and staff about the importance of water conservation and reduced school water use by 13%.

**Conservation Results**

Students in Washington Green Schools investigate environmental issues on campus, take action, and measure their results. Schools like **Lincoln Elementary** tackled energy conservation by shutting off lights, fixing a leaky boiler, and consolidating appliances. As a result, this school banded together as a community to shrink their energy use by 10% and achieve their conservation goals.

**Building Community**

By collaborating to make their schools greener, students, educators, and communities connect around a shared sense of purpose. For example, **WA Green Schools** and our partners work to build and enhance school gardens, which give students hands-on, service-learning opportunities. Food gardens, like the one at **Sand Point Elementary**, also offer nourishment to the community, providing fresh produce for school lunches and snacks.

**Environmental Stewardship**

One hundred percent of teachers report that student environmental stewardship increased when they became involved with **Washington Green Schools**. Our training programs ensure that educators and students have the resources they need to make a difference. **Student Summits** teach young people that they have the opportunity — and the responsibility — to model and practice environmental stewardship, both at school and at home.

**Saving Money**

This year, the sixteen schools that certified in **Waste and Recycling** were rewarded for their efforts with a combined total of $35,000 in cost savings. Students and educators from schools across the state, like **Cheney Middle School** and **Kettle Falls High School**, improved their recycling programs and reduced solid waste. Certified Washington Green Schools conserve resources and save money on operations.

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**2012-2013 Certified Schools**

**LEVEL 1**

Cheney Middle School  
Cleveland High School  
Crosspoint Academy  
Eckstein Middle School  
Franklin Elementary  
Gilbert Elementary  
Greenlake Elementary  
Hayes Freedom High School  
Kettle Falls High School  
Lincoln Elementary  
North Middle School  
Prairie High School  
River Day School  
Sand Point Elementary  
Seattle Country Day  
Sunset Elementary  
TOPS K-8  
Viewlands Elementary

**LEVEL 2**

Denny Intl. Middle School  
Discovery Elementary  
Illahee Elementary  
La Center High School  
Lakeland Hills Elementary  
The Evergreen School

**LEVEL 3**

Bertschi School  
Gaiser Middle School  
John Stanford Intl. School

**LEVEL 4**

Image Elementary  
Montlake Elementary
2,450 community members reached per Green School

700 students per school

10 students per Green Team

3.5 people per family

85 Certified Schools

208,250 total community members reached!

FINANCIALS

Income
Contributions $97,794
Grants $62,041
Agency Services $36,225
Other $4,960
Total Income $201,020

Expenses
Program Services $134,927
Management and Administration $10,253
Fundraising $7,053
Total Expenses $152,233

Program Services 88.6%
Fundraising 4.6%
Management and Administration 6.7%

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