



Dear Friends:

In less than one year, greenschools, a non-profit organization, whose mission is to create greener & healthier learning environments, has literally impacted thousands of lives and our planet. President/Founder Robin Organ turned her personal pain and suffering into a positive experience. After the birth of her second daughter, Robin became hypersensitive, meaning allergic to everything! She quite literally cheated death on repeated occasions. She and her two young girls have suffered from environmental illnesses. Thanks to the work of Dr. Alex Bingham, Author Raymond Francis, and countless others, Robin and her girls have regained much of their health. Robin founded greenschools as her way to give back this acquired knowledge to the school community.

greenschools offers a variety of educational programs for schools and communities. We address issues pertaining to: **Indoor Air Quality, Nutrition, and The 3 Rs...Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.** We make the connections between having Healthy Bodies & A Healthy Planet. Our dedicated volunteers take important environmental issues and provide easy strategies to make a difference. Last year, greenschools worked with over 30 school communities. The response to our work has been incredible, and we are currently working on ways to reach additional audiences.

Our children and our planet are not as well as they could be. Read some of today's alarming statistics:

#### HEALTH

- The World Health Organization estimates that the environment significantly affects *more than 80 percent* of major diseases. That would include childhood **cancer, diabetes** and **asthma**. In addition, more than a third of diseases in children under the age of five are caused by environmental exposures.
- Most Americans spend 90% of their time indoors.
- 1 in 3 people will face **Cancer** in their lifetime.
- 1 in 3 people are affected by **Allergies**.
- 1 out of 13 people have **Asthma**. Asthma is one of the leading causes of school absenteeism.
- 3-6 children out of every 1,000 will have **Autism**.
- One in every six children in the U.S. between the ages of six and 19 is considered overweight.
- There are 23.6 million people in the United States who have **Diabetes**.

#### ENVIRONMENT

- Americans throw enough aluminum away every three months to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet.
- Recycling a single aluminum can save enough energy to run a television or computer for three hours.
- Recycling 1 glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for 4 hours.
- In the coming decade, Americans are projected to throw away over 11 million tons of glass bottles and jars.
- Every Sunday, the U.S. wastes nearly 90% of all the recyclable newspapers. This wastes about 500,000 trees.
- One tree can filter up to 60 pounds of pollutants from the air each year.
- Every person in the US receives the equivalent of one and a half trees per year or approximately 560 pieces of junk mail per year.
- Approximately 40% of the solid waste mass that makes up our landfills are paper and cardboard.

**In just one visit, greenschools has helped to remove unhealthy cleaning products in schools across the state of MA, and has implemented safer practices and policies.**

**In just one visit, greenschools has connected dozens of schools with FREE resources and equipment.**

**In just one visit, greenschools has begun student environmental clubs, and inspired young activists to go out in their communities and make a difference!**

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greenschools is looking to you as members to support our mission, our children, our adults, our schools, and our planet. Going Green is not just another fad. Going Green is about being responsible for our planet and its occupants. Together, we can create healthier environments through education and awareness. Please show your support for these important issues by becoming a member, and let us know how we can be of service to you and your community.

For more information on how you can help/become involved go to: **[www.projectgreenschools.org](http://www.projectgreenschools.org)**  
Together, we can make *The Green Difference!*

Sincerely,  
Robin Organ-Executive Director & Founder of greenschools