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Fiddlehead School Partners with Center for Ecology-Based Economy and Learning by Nature to Develop Climate-Focused Curriculum for Grades PreK-8

Gray, ME — Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences, one of the first charter schools founded in Maine, is proud to announce a new partnership with the Center for Ecology-Based Economy (CEBE) and Learning by Nature to develop climate-focused curriculum units for students in Grades 5 through 8. This initiative is made possible through the [\\$750,000 in climate education professional development grants](#) awarded by the Maine Department of Education, aimed at enhancing climate education across the state.

As part of this exciting initiative, Fiddlehead School will collaborate with CEBE to create engaging, hands-on curriculum units that teach middle school students the importance of ecological sustainability, environmental stewardship, and climate resilience. For younger students in PreK through Grade 4, Fiddlehead will work closely with Learning by Nature to provide teachers with the training and resources to incorporate the concept of “green schoolyards” into classroom work. This approach will connect students with nature and help them explore the outdoors as a vibrant, living extension of their learning environment.

"We are thrilled to deepen our commitment to climate education and to partner with CEBE and Learning by Nature," said Jacinda Cotton-Castro, Founder of Fiddlehead School. "This partnership will allow us to engage our students with critical environmental issues at an early age, empowering them to become active participants in creating a more sustainable future."

This initiative aligns with Fiddlehead School's mission of nurturing curiosity, creativity, and a strong connection to the natural world. Through these partnerships, the school will further develop its outdoor learning programs and deepen its focus on sustainability in education.

"Our outdoor learning programs are designed to bring the classroom into nature, fostering a deeper connection to the environment," said Seal Rossignol, Fiddlehead's Outdoor Learning Coordinator. "With these new partnerships, we're equipping our teachers with the tools to make green spaces a central part of our students' learning experience, while inspiring them to think critically about the world around them."

This innovative collaboration will expand Fiddlehead School's commitment to climate-focused education and help build a generation of students who are environmentally conscious and prepared to address the challenges of climate change.

For more information about this initiative or Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences, please visit the school's website: fiddleheadschool.org.