



## Oklahoma Green Schools Program

### **6 Steps to Certification**

#### STEP 5: CHALLENGE OTHERS

**Overview-** The foundation of service learning is classroom connections partnered with community involvement. Service learning is also one of the key concepts within the OK Green Schools Program. Your findings from the PLT School Investigation as well as the presentation and student action project may offer opportunities or open doors for community collaboration. Other schools within your district or region might also be potential partners. Reaching out to the larger community can help your 'greening' efforts be sustainable over time while broadening their impacts.

#### **Action Items-**

- Watch the Step 5 training video!
- Based on your findings, brainstorm potential community partners. They may be able to assist with ongoing project funding, or be interested in hearing the presentation, or help sponsor a community environmental event. Talk to adult social and business organizations like Lions, Elk, Kiwanis, Rotary, Chambers of Commerce, etc.
- Identify other youth organizations such as faith based groups, scouts, 4H, etc., that students are involved in. Buildings where meetings are held may present opportunities for students to conduct PLT Investigations outside of the school building and offer suggestions for efficiency and cost savings.
- Other schools may be interested in participating in OK Green Schools. Contact schools within your area particularly those that feed into your school or where your students will be attending in future years. Look at the OGSP map on our website for schools in your area who may already be involved.

**Additional Ideas-** An area often overlooked as community outreach are school fundraisers. Look for 'green' alternatives to the traditional items or methods of soliciting orders. Many recycling programs, particularly paper or aluminum, can be money makers when larger quantities are collected from the community. Contact [info@okgreenschools.org](mailto:info@okgreenschools.org) for specific ideas and opportunities in your area. Search the website 'Resources' for ideas.

**Completed this Step?** - When you complete the Step 5 Action Items, go to the website, [www.okgreenschools.org](http://www.okgreenschools.org). Navigate to the '6 Steps to Certification' page and next to Step 5, click the **FINISHED** button. Complete the question(s) and click **SUBMIT**.