

**Regional School Unit 26**  
**Stipend Position Proposal**

**Attach:** Proposed Stipend Job Description ([Stipend Job Description Template linked](#))

**School (s):** Orono High School

**Advisor:** Erika Dixon

**Activity Name:** Environmental Club

**Purpose:** The OHS Environmental Club provides an opportunity for students to engage in activities related to sustainability, environmental protection, and resource conservation. The Environmental Club was restarted in the fall of 2021 at the request of a group of OHS students.

**How will this program fill a need that exists in RSU26?** Many OHS students are concerned about issues related to sustainability, environmental protection, and resource conservation. This group provides education on these issues as well as opportunities to raise awareness of these issues in our school. As of mid-October 2022, the Environmental Club has successfully diverted 2,250 pounds of food waste. This is significant for a number of reasons, and the Environmental Club members are committed to keeping this work going and to educating our student population in order to mitigate this problem. Our food waste diversion program involves students in the OMS community as well. In addition to the food waste diversion program, we partner with local community members for volunteer opportunities as well as guest speaker experiences for the group. Furthermore, we partner with the OHS Science Department in order to run specific activities or programs.

**Anticipated Number of Weeks the Program Will Run (season):** 42 weeks

**Anticipated Year Length:** School Year (10-months) & beyond when we do summer beach clean up work

**Anticipated Number of Students to Participate:** currently there are 38 students involved, and more join each month

**Anticipated Location to Meet:** The Environmental Club meets every Tuesday morning, 7:20am, in room 70B. In addition, our work means we spend a good amount of time in the Cafeteria. When we hold Climate Strikes, we move to the designated location. Other volunteer efforts take us to different locations (the Keith Anderson Center for example).

**A brief description of what activities this program will provide:** Our main activities revolve around our food waste diversion program and our yearly or twice-yearly Climate Strikes. In addition, members of the Environmental Club plan 1-2 field trips each year, one trip to the Cadillac Mountain summit and one for a beach clean up. We partner with the Town of Orono and the Orono Environmental Committee to join various efforts around town: the Window Dressers window insert build and the Street and Stream Clean Up, for example.

**Anticipated Budget (for first year and proposed second year):**

	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Proposed Year 2</b>
Fees	150	150
Supplies	100	100
Equipment	100	100
Other (itemize)	food waste diversion with AgriCycle: 1,600	food waste diversion with AgriCycle: 1,600
<b>Total</b>	1,950	1,950

**Building Administrator**

Comments:

Approved

Denied

Date:

**Superintendent**

Comments:

Approved

Denied

Date:

**Stipend Committee**

Points Recommendation

Approved

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

Denied

**Responsibility:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

**Approved (Principal):** initials & Date  
updated:

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**POSITION:** Environmental Club Advisor

**SCHOOL:** Orono High School

**REPORTS TO:** Meredith Diamond and Sam Runco

**TIME COMMITMENT**

**Number of hours per week & number of weeks:** 42 weeks; depending upon projects and programs this could be 5 hours per week or 15 hours per week

**School Year (10-Months) or Full Year (12-Months):** School Year, unless we undertake beach clean up programs, which happen during summer months

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Preferred - someone on staff, someone in the building everyday

**JOB GOALS:**

1. to promote activities, programs, and projects related to sustainability, environmental protection, and resource conservation, and to increase student engagement in these areas; to help group members increase their knowledge and develop ways to share that knowledge with the rest of the school community

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. facilitate regular meetings with group members; oversight of food waste diversion program; chaperone field trips; communicate with and partner with local community members, food waste diversion partners (for example, AgriCycle and Jackson Regenerational Farm), our district food service director, and members of the Science Department.
2. Working with Environmental Club members on grant writing, establishing and building a partnership with middle school Environmental Club ambassadors, and organizing attendance and participation in local and statewide initiatives such as the Maine Hunger Dialogues.