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## GREEN EXPO AND RECOGNITION DAY

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FOUR NH GSAs took a rainy day opportunity to participate in GREEN EXPO and RECOGNITION DAY at Bridges House, the official residence of NH Governors, on Saturday, May 19, 2018. During the Event, Valerie Sununu joined Governor Sununu who read a Proclamation recognizing New Hampshire Pollinator Week for June 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> in addition to Capital Area Bee Keepers and the vital role of bees in our world. Capital Area Bee Keepers has an apiary on the Bridges House property. Hosted by Governor and First Lady Sununu, GREEN EXPO AND RECOGNITION DAY grew as an educational initiative of Mrs. Sununu to “green-up” schools through partnering with Project Green Schools and a newly formed Youth Sustainability Council.

Four schools participated in a “shark tank” competition for a chance to win prize money for “green” projects in their school. As a result, Portsmouth High School went home with the top prize of \$2000 while Rundlett Middle School won \$1000; Shaker Road School won \$1500, and Interlakes High School won \$1000 each to forward individual school projects.

Shark Tank judges proved to offer more helpful suggestions than difficult questions aimed at project presenters. Nevertheless, one student faced this baffling question put forward by Robin Organ of Project Green Schools: “How would you handle the dirt students might have on their clothing when returning to indoor class after sitting on the proposed “grass chairs” in the school outdoor classroom setting?”

“Brush it off!” said the student, puzzled but willing to offer an obvious NH answer! On another note, event literature stated: “The path toward a greener and more sustainable future is through community driven projects, so we are excited to provide support and potential funding for these student initiatives because we know they will be our future leaders and entrepreneurs.” Good Luck Winners!

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