

## Saving is Believing: Princeton Day School Saves \$10,000 Annually with GSA Purchasing Solution

### It's True: Schools Can Save Big Money!

The switch to higher quality sustainable paper, plastic, and chemical products is saving Princeton Day School significant money while streamlining their purchasing process.

*"Green and sustainable isn't more expensive. We switched to green and sustainable products and we're saving \$10,000 a year." ~Sustainability Coordinator Liz Cutler*

### Affordable, Innovative Products Meet the Triple Bottom Line



The GSA Purchasing Solution has identified sustainable product suppliers who are aware of and accountable for the impact they have in creating an environmentally, economically, and equitably sustainable future.

Through the Purchasing Solution, Princeton Day School accessed products made from renewable resources like sugar cane, bamboo, and plant starch instead of trees and petroleum-based plastics. Sustainable products were swapped in for copy paper and a range of facilities items (like toilet tissue, hand soap, all-purpose cleaner, and more).

The GSA Purchasing Solution also tracks and measures the school's environmental savings to provide hard data to strengthen student and school community learning about sustainability efforts.



### Service and Products Exceed School Expectations

The custodial staff at Princeton Day School is thrilled with the new products - items are effective and easy-to-use and rollout was a breeze. From purchase to installation, the process took less than two weeks. Now the team also has a consolidated product list to make re-ordering simple.

*"We aren't sacrificing quality and function because they're green and sustainable. Plus, the Alliance is very helpful in pointing me in the right direction and suggesting products that have a similar, if not better, cleaning capability." ~ Custodial Foreman Gene Hartway*



### Year One: Wins for Princeton Day School and the Environment

- Saving money, estimated at \$10,000 annually!
- Receiving higher quality, environmentally sustainable products
- Streamlining the purchasing process to simplify ordering and use less staff time
- Reducing deliveries, resulting in fewer disruptions for students and staff AND reduced carbon emissions
- Receiving a quarterly impact statement with data about monetary AND environmental savings
- Saving an estimated 38 trees, 4,426 pounds of virgin fiber, 12,209 gallons of water, and 4,428 pounds of plastic material within the first year.

Green Schools Alliance connects and empowers champions who are creating healthy and sustainable schools. We have the tools and programs that make it easier for sustainability champions, like you, to do more.

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