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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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NJSBGA

NJSBGA Expo - March 29 & 30, 2011

We invite all Supervisors of Buildings and Grounds, School Superintendents, Business Administrators, Maintenance, Grounds and Custodial personnel to the NJSBGA 15th Annual Conference / Expo at the Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, New Jersey.



Trumps Taj Mahal
1100 Boardwalk & Virginia Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ

This years Conference / Expo is on Tuesday March 29th and Wednesday March 30th, 2011.

Attend the planned clinics and learn how to handle and be aware of todays ever changing times and help maintain "The environment in todays Schools." Become knowledgeable of the facts from the experts. Attend the Annual Banquet Dinner which is always the highlight of the Conference / Expo and hear our Guest Speaker.

REGISTRATION FEES;

NJSBGA Members \$100.00

NON-MEMBERS \$125.00

Extra Guest for Lunch \$25

Extra Guest for Dinner \$50



Attend our Annual Golf Outing supporting our Scholarship Fund will be held on Monday March 28th at Harbor Pines Golf Club, Egg Harbor, New Jersey.

\$125.00 per Golfer

12:00 Registration

1 PM SHOTGUN START

Go to njsbga.org for registration information and forms

SUMMER SEMINAR

NJSBGA and RUTGERS will be offering a Summer Seminar in two areas of the state sometime the last weeks of July.

We will be offering a full day seminar covering several subjects of interest that are useful in your School Districts.

Keep watching for the Locations, Dates and times of the Summer Seminars.

Subjects covered will be the following:

- **ERGONOMICS**
- **ENERGY CONSERVATION**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL & CODE COMPLIANCE**
- **GREEN CLEANING**
- **MICROSOFT OFFICE**
- **TEAMWORK**
- **TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT**



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**GUARDIANS
of the
SCHOOL**

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WHO WE ARE.

The Operations Department in a school consists of Custodial and Maintenance staff members that contribute important tasks for the learning environment. Every one of these staff members should know how their jobs impact student learning no matter what their title.

Custodial and Maintenance employees are “Guardians of the School.” The workloads of the Operations Department grow as new technology and equipment becomes available. These everyday changes require new skills, increased duties and responsibilities. This requires training and profes-

sional development to keep the department updated. A lack of meaningful, multi-tiered professional development programs are a real health and safety issue for the public school custodian and maintenance worker and the entire school community.

WHAT WE DO

The Operations Departments job is not just cleaning buildings. They must provide the safest and healthiest environment possible for learning, be it through disinfecting classrooms to helping the 4th grade class prepare a garden bed for a unit in Botany. Some think a custodian’s job is easy, but they forget all the different jobs they do to prepare a building for education. Shoveling snow in the

winter, raking leaves in the fall, watering plants in the spring, doing minor electrical and plumbing repairs, boiler operations and maintenance, roof repairs, painting, waxing, the list goes on and on and that is on top of the daily cleaning.

They must also be versed in computer use. They control room temperatures, do work orders and schedule events on line Some

hold State certification in Pesticide application, Asbestos abatement, CDL License and more. Their job is to make sure Teachers concentrate on teaching, food service workers concentrate on feeding children and office personnel on caring for children and parents.

School custodians do more than mop floors and take out garbage, and the following quote from the Madison Metropolitan School District sums it up: “Although not often thought of as a key ingredient of a successful educational environment, the school custodian plays an essential role in maintaining the building, but also the health, attitude and pride of students.”

