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- **Part B-Summary of 2014-2015 Green School Activities:**

St. Ann School is honored to be a 2013-2104 Green School of Excellence. We are excited to have incorporated many new 'green' aspects to our school this year. In the Middle School we have implemented a 15 minute session every Wednesday, where students are split into different groups. Two of these groups are dedicated to helping our environment. We have the Recycling Rangers; who collect the recycling throughout the entire school. The second group is the Gardening Club; that just recently planted beautiful peppers in our school garden. You may even hear students humming the original St. Ann 'Go Green' song created by the MYP 2013 Green Team encouraging environmental friendliness. We attend many field trips that enhance the students' awareness of environment, as well as having guest speakers come in. One of our favorite activities is our Earth Day Symposium at Pine Jog Environmental Education Center. This is a wonderful day where we promote environmental awareness and over-all wellbeing.

Also, three years ago, as part of a fifth graders exhibition project, St. Ann School was declared a Certified Wildlife Habitat from the National Wildlife Federation. A plaque of this certification hangs below our Green School of Excellence banner on the Gymnatorium balcony. The students still make sure to maintain this area and keep it safe from pollution.

As a Catholic and Ib World School, major emphasis is put on being good stewards of the planet and taking action to help the earth. Our curriculum has a strong focus on the environment with vertically aligned units designed at each grade level. Students in preschool through 5th grade utilize six transdisciplinary themes which connect to all subject areas. "Sharing the Planet" is one theme defined as, "an inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and other living things..." Pre-K4 participates in Science workshops throughout the year. Some of their experiences have included life cycles of plants and butterflies, winter weather and an end of the year Science party! Kindergarten saves bigger construction paper scraps to be reused in the art area. They also frequently use individual whiteboards for writing practice to save on paper use.

The fifth grade exhibition also focuses on sustainability and conservation which includes a student initiated action project. All 6th-8th grade units are designed around six "Global Contexts," which provide interconnection between all disciplines. One of these areas is the "Globalization and Sustainability." Each grade has a major project involving ways they can impact our community and environment. We pride our school in being GREEN in as much as possible. We hang our Green School of Excellence Banner with pride and hope to maintain this prestigious status for years to come.