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OCPS Facilities Program Director Marc Clinch, at left, accepted a silver-level Florida Green School Award at the 7th Annual Learn Green: Florida's Green Schools Conference last week in Boynton Beach

BOYNTON BEACH -- Orange County Public Schools has been named a Silver Level District by the Florida Green School Network in recognition of systemic changes that promote environmental sustainability. The award was one of six presented at the 7th Annual Learn Green: Florida's Green Schools Conference, which was held in Boynton Beach on Nov. 16.

The award recognizes environmentally-friendly measures undertaken districtwide, including by schools and by the Facilities, Operations and Transportation departments. Those efforts include switching to biodiesel fuels, building schools to green standards and schools that have reduced their carbon footprint through increased recycling and reduced energy use.

"In the end it's about the kids and what we can do to get them a working knowledge about environmental issues. They will take those skills into adulthood," said Marc Clinch, Facilities Program Director. He oversees green initiatives for the Facilities Department within the 197,000 student district, the 10th-largest in the nation. "Everyone that works for Orange County Public Schools shares in this award, and should feel proud."

The other winning school districts were Alachua (Gold), Broward (Silver), Duval (Silver), Palm Beach (Gold) and Walton (Bronze).

OCPS was the recipient of the 2013-2014 Florida Schools District Level Award, the top sustainability award in the state, and the Florida nominee for the 2014-2015 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Award.

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