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Educational Outreach Wraps Up 2016 Fall Program

Newark, NJ – PVSC continued to fulfill its role as good environmental stewards in 2016 by consistently removing debris and other polluting matter from Newark Bay, the Passaic River and its tributaries. Unfortunately, it is not enough. The prevention of pollution has become crucial. PVSC believes that prevention starts with educating the community, specifically young people, on how to keep our precious waterways clean.

To that end, PVSC offers environmental educational outreach programs every year to all schools K-12 within PVSC’s treatment district. These programs, which feature indoor and/or outdoor components, are ideal for students of all grade levels. Students learn how small steps can make a big impact on keeping the Passaic River Watershed healthy. Since 2003, the program has educated approximately 216,000 students.

Our 2016 fall semester just wrapped up. In just under three months, PVSC visited nearly 30 elementary, middle and high schools, conducted nearly 60 assemblies, and presented to more than 8,000 students throughout the PVSC service area. As always, PVSC earned excellent reviews from faculty and administrators.

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In order to protect and preserve local streams and rivers from water pollution, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission operates one of the country's oldest and largest treatment plants for the wastewaters of northern New Jersey, serving nearly 1.5 million people in parts of five counties.