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Verona High School Students Refurbish School's Greenhouse

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After over a decade of vacancy, the Greenhouse at Verona High School has been revived. The Verona High School Environmental Club has been working to grow organic vegetables and herbs. As of right now the efforts in the Greenhouse are being used only as an education tool within the confines of the Environmental Club.

We have used the plants in the Greenhouse to explore such topics as Botany, Taxonomy, Agriculture, Permaculture, Soil Science, and Herbal Studies. Our work in the Greenhouse has been recognized and aided by the town and a local farm. As President of the Club, I have reached out to both the Verona Environmental Commission and Verona Board of Education in an effort to start an outdoor garden and a composting initiative at the High School. The Greenhouse, and potential garden, could easily be used as educational tools to meet State Core Curriculum requirements. My ultimate goal is to integrate environmental awareness into our school district to help educate students and residents of the town about the benefits of eating organic and local and creating a community of environmentally conscious citizens.

Read the whole story below at the link below:

http://www.northjersey.com/news/233941301_Verona_High_School_senior_rejuvenates_greenhouse.html