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**[NAME OF SCHOOL] Becomes [NUMBER] Fair Trade School in Nation**

**[Town Name],[State] (Month Day, Year) –** [Name of School], part of a national initiative by Fair Trade Campaigns to engage K – 12 students in issues of global poverty, is proud to announce its official designation as a Fair Trade School. Fair Trade is an economic system that ensures consumers the products they buy were grown, harvested, crafted and traded in ways that improve lives and protect the environment. Fair Trade Campaigns officially recognizes schools in the US committed to educating students about the issues of Fair Trade and sourcing Fair Trade products like coffee, tea and bananas in the cafeteria, offices and at events.

With over 500 Fair Trade Schools in the United Kingdom alone, the US program grew out of work in Europe and the increasing demand for Fair Trade and ethically produced products to be incorporated into institutional purchasing. Fair Trade Campaigns sees the tremendous impact institutional purchasing in the US can have on farmers and artisans worldwide.

*“There are few things more exciting than seeing today’s youth come to understand the role that they can play as consumers in making the world a more fair and just place. To see them become not just conscious consumers, but advocates for Fair Trade, should challenge all of us to do the same.”*

 *- Billy Linstead Goldsmith, National Coordinator, Fair Trade Campaigns*

[Fair Trade Campaign Name] was created to build the awareness and availability of Fair Trade in [Name of School].

[Please fill in paragraph with specific information about campaign]

There are now over 260 active Fair Trade Campaigns in towns, schools, congregations and universities across the country, now including [Name of School].

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**About Fair Trade Campaigns:** Fair Trade Campaigns is a grassroots movement mobilizing thousands of Fair Trade advocates on campuses and in communities across the United States. Fair Trade Campaigns recognize towns, colleges, universities, schools and congregations in the US for *embedding Fair Trade purchasing practices and principles* into policy, as well as in the social foundations of their communities. Project collaborators include [Fair Trade USA](http://fairtradeusa.org/), [Fair for Life](http://www.fairforlife.net/logicio/pmws/indexDOM.php?client_id=fairforlife&page_id=home) and [Fair Trade International – USA](http://fairtradeinternational.us/), third-party certifiers of Fair Trade products in the United States, and the [Fair Trade Federation](http://fairtradefederation.org/), a North American trade association of organizations fully committed to Fair Trade. Visit [www.FairTradeCampaigns.org](http://www.fairtradecampaigns.org) for more information

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