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### **Greenwich Academy Goes Green and Teaches Value of Clean Energy with Solar PV Installation**

**Rocky Hill, Conn., September 11, 2008**– The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF) today announced that the Greenwich Academy solar photovoltaic (PV) array it helped to fund is installed and successfully operating. The 27.6-kilowatt array is located on the new roof of the middle school building of the school and is connected to an interactive data monitoring system that will capture performance data, which, in turn, will be used to teach the students about solar energy generation.

"Guided by our motto, 'Toward the Building of Character,' Greenwich Academy is committed to practicing responsible environmental stewardship and educating future leaders," said Head of School Molly H. King. "The GA curriculum is grounded in teaching students about the natural world and their relationship to it. With the decision to renovate and create a 'green' Middle School, which included the photovoltaics, the Academy is providing the opportunity to achieve an outstanding level of integration among the curriculum, values and mission of the school."

The 120-panel solar installation at Greenwich Academy was made possible by a \$125,118 grant from CCEF's On-Site Renewable Distributed Generation Program which helped defray a portion of the total project cost.

Greenwich Academy, a private day school for girls in pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade, incorporated the solar panels on the Philander Button Hall Middle School building as part of a larger building renovation and expansion project. The school is in the process of developing an environmental curriculum incorporating lessons about solar energy generation and will be placing an information display regarding solar energy generation and the school's solar PV system in the lobby of the Middle School building.

Lise Dondy, president of CCEF, said, "The solar PV installation at Greenwich Academy will serve as an excellent teaching tool to help educate students about the importance of renewable energy in meeting our future energy needs and protecting the environment." She added, "We are pleased to see Greenwich Academy, along with other schools in Connecticut, take a leadership role and make the commitment to clean energy in such a significant way."

Westport Solar Consultants ([westportsolar.com](http://westportsolar.com)) served as the project developer and general contractor, responsible for initiating the project concept and helping Greenwich Academy to understand PV technology, crafting the system design and engineering specifications, and leading each phase of the solar installation project cycle. SolarWorks ([solarworksinc.com](http://solarworksinc.com)) acted as the installation company and provided expertise and guidance on system design.

Mark Pizzi, principal of Westport Solar Consultants, said, "This PV system truly represents the architectural and renewable energy vision of Butler Rogers Baskett (BRB), an architectural firm, and the forward-thinking of Greenwich Academy. Along with the generation of clean energy, the most significant value lies in the educational benefits for Greenwich Academy. With access to real-time PV system performance data, the school will be able to integrate this information into curriculum, and ultimately share the virtues of solar energy with the Greenwich Academy community."

#### **About the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF)**

CCEF was created by the Connecticut General Assembly and is funded by the electric ratepayers. CCEF's mission is to promote, develop and invest in clean energy sources for the benefit of Connecticut's ratepayers in order to strengthen Connecticut's economy, protect community health, improve the environment, and promote a secure energy supply for the state. CCEF is administered by Connecticut Innovations, a quasi-public authority. For more information on CCEF, please visit [www.ctcleanenergy.com](http://www.ctcleanenergy.com).