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## Litchfield High School Recognized for Energy Efficiency

EPA awards Litchfield High with ENERGY STAR® certification

**Litchfield, Conn. – June 30, 2017** – Representatives from Eversource recently recognized the Town of Litchfield for the ENERGY STAR® certification of Litchfield High School.

The Environmental Protection Agency assessed and rated the school's energy usage on a scale from 1 to 100 in energy efficiency, with a goal of achieving 75 or greater. The school received an ENERGY STAR® score of 76.

"Our ENERGY STAR® certification is an example of how local citizens can come together and make a difference. Litchfield's 'Green Team,' made up of representatives from town boards and the Litchfield Energy Task Force, developed and advanced an energy-savings plan for our schools that ultimately saves the town \$100,000 per year" said Chairman of the "Green Team" committee John Post.

To achieve the certification, Litchfield's "Green Team", worked with Eversource to complete the <u>Clean Energy Communities</u> (CEC) Municipal Technical Assistance program, which uses an ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager tool to benchmark energy usage, water usage, and greenhouse gas emissions from all municipal and board of education buildings.

"There's no better place to start with energy efficiency than in the municipal buildings that are vital to our towns and cities. These energy improvements will give students and faculty a more comfortable learning and teaching environment," said Eversource Energy Efficiency spokesman Enoch Lenge. "We are proud to honor Litchfield High School for this accomplishment and look forward to helping Litchfield reach its energy reduction goals."

Eversource helped the town identify and implement energy efficiency improvements, including LED lighting and infrastructure upgrades. Litchfield is currently working with Eversource to reach its energy goals and reduce municipal building energy consumption by 20 percent by 2018. In 2014, Litchfield joined Clean Energy Communities, the nationally-recognized Energize Connecticut program to help cities and towns save energy.

For more information on how to save energy and money at your home or business, please visit <u>EnergizeCT.com</u> or call 877.WISE.USE (877-947-3873).



PHOTO CAPTION: From left to right - Ed Gadomski, representative of the Litchfield Board of Finance and Green Team, Diane Knox, representative of the Litchfield Board of Selectman, Lynn Fulkerson, representative of the Green Team, Andy Brydges, Account Executive at Eversource, Stephanie Rogers, Energy Efficiency Consultant at Eversource, John Post, Chair of the Green Team, Samantha Baker, representative of Green Leaf Energy, David Fiorillo, representative of the Litchfield Board of Education and Green Team, and Matt Trager, representative of Green Leaf Energy.

## About Energize Connecticut

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the State of Connecticut, the Connecticut Green Bank, Eversource, UI, SCG and CNG, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at EnergizeCT.com.

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