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Stamford Breaks Ground on Pre-K-8 Interdistrict Environmental Magnet School

The City of Stamford will break ground at the site of a future interdistrict environmental magnet school on **Wednesday, October 10 at 2 p.m. at 2 Blachley Road in Stamford.** In attendance will be Mayor Dannel Malloy, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua P. Starr, Board of Education members, city employees, and others involved in the concept, design, and construction of the \$58 million project. Ninety-five percent of the project funding will come from the state, with 5% paid for by the City. The building is scheduled to open in September 2009.

The new school will enroll students in grades Pre K – 8 and will offer a “six-to-six” model of before and after school activities for working families. At least 25% of students will come from outside of Stamford. The environmental science theme will be integrated into all curriculum areas. According to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua P. Starr, “The interdistrict environmental magnet school is our attempt to educate our children about one of the most pressing issues facing this nation today. Our children and teachers will commit themselves to academic excellence in this program and in the process, will raise our collective consciousness about environmental issues.”

The school will be constructed using LEED standards, a “green building” rating system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council for K-12 schools and higher education buildings. The rating system is designed to improve children’s health, productivity, and learning capacity while also being more energy efficient and resource friendly. Special consideration is given to classroom acoustics, master planning, indoor air quality, mold prevention, energy efficiency, and water conservation.

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Some Facts About the Interdistrict Environmental Magnet School

Architect:	Tai Soo Kim Partners
Contractor:	O&G Industries; Torrington,CT
Project Administrator:	City of Stamford Engineering Bureau
Size:	105,000 sf
Capacity:	660 students
Population:	Pre K – 8 th Grade
Project Costs:	\$58 million
Land Purchase:	\$15.6 million
Construction Cost:	\$37 million
Project Funding:	95% State, 5% City
Design Started:	January 2006
Construction Start:	October 2007
Scheduled Completion:	May 2009
Occupancy:	September 2009
Demolition Phase:	January 2007 – May 2007
Design Features:	45 teaching spaces (classroom, art, science etc.), auditorium, music/band rooms, gymnasium, media center, cafeteria /kitchen LEED Silver Rating <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ “Green” roof on approx 50% of building○ Ice storage for HVAC system○ Rain Garden/Storage for parking and roof drains○ Wind turbine for power development○ Day light harvesting○ Waterless and water saving technologies

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