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STAMFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS SELECTED TO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS HP INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION GRANT

\$265,000 grant aims to improve student interest and achievement in math & science

Stamford, Connecticut, May 26, 2009 – Stamford Public Schools was selected as one of 25 school systems in the United States to receive a highly competitive 2009 HP Innovations in Education grant. Targeted at school systems serving students in grades 6 through 12, the grant program is designed to help educators address the need for raising student achievement in math and science and increase student awareness in high-tech college and career opportunities.

Scofield Magnet Middle School will receive an HP Innovations in Education award package of HP technology, cash, and professional services valued at more than \$265,000. Technologies such as wireless HP tablet PCs, wide-format HP DesignJet printers, high-power mobile workstations, mini-notebook PCs, and HP graphing calculators, will be used in innovative ways to fundamentally redesign the student learning experience.

A total of four hundred eighth grade students over the next two years will participate in the interdisciplinary project, *Assessing Water Quality: the Impact of Stamford's History and Implications for Future Growth and Urban Planning*. This project will directly involve students in doing science as well as seeing how the past, present and future are relevant. Students will work with nearly a dozen community organizations and agencies as they monitor water quality, research the impact of industrial development and urban growth, and analyze and report their findings. In the process, they will also learn about associated careers from professionals working in the health, marine science, and engineering fields

“This grant will enable Scofield to provide students with science experiences that are based on real life applications,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua P. Starr. “It

will also help them to develop the scientific thinking and skills they will need in tomorrow's global economy.”

“Scofield is thrilled to receive this grant,” said Scofield Principal Jan Rossman. “We are looking forward to this unique opportunity, which will further develop our students’ technology and scientific research skills and also serve the interests of the Stamford community.”

Worldwide, HP is investing more than \$17 million in mobile technology, cash and professional development as part of the global 2009 HP Innovations in Education grant initiative. This initiative follows HP’s five-year, \$60M investment in HP Technology for Teaching grants to more than 1,000 schools and universities in 41 countries. During the past 20 years, HP has contributed more than \$1 billion in cash and equipment to schools, universities, community organizations and other nonprofit organizations around the world.

“Innovation is key to expanding education opportunity – and HP is privileged to collaborate with educators around the world who are committed to exploring the exciting possibilities that exist at the intersection of teaching, learning, and technology,” said Jim Vanides, Worldwide Program Manager for HP Global Social Investments. “Emerging evidence from the last five years is very positive – excellent instruction combined with the right technologies is measurably improving student academic success.”

More information about the 2009 HP Innovations in Education initiative and other global social investments is available at www.hp.com/go/grants.

More information about Scofield Magnet Middle School is available at www.magnetmiddle.org

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