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## **Regional District 13 School Recognized for Energy Efficiency**

*EPA awards John Lyman Elementary with ENERGY STAR® certification*

**MIDDLEFIELD, Conn. – March 13, 2017** – Representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the Towns of Durham and Middlefield, and Eversource celebrated the ENERGY STAR® certification of John Lyman Elementary today with a ceremony at the school.

EPA 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 90.

“It is especially important for schools like John Lyman Elementary to become energy efficiency leaders. These energy improvements will give students and faculty a more comfortable learning and teaching environment,” said Eversource’s Energy Efficiency spokesman, Enoch Lenge. “Eversource is excited to join the EPA and DEEP in honoring John Lyman Elementary. We look forward to helping both towns further their energy efficiency efforts.”

To achieve the certification, Durham and Middlefield worked with Eversource to complete the [Clean Energy Communities](#) (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.

Eversource helped both towns identify and implement energy efficiency improvements, including lighting retrofits and the installation of an energy management system for portable classrooms.

Eversource is currently working with Durham and Middlefield to help them reach their energy goals and reduce municipal building energy consumption by 20 percent by 2018. In 2012 and 2014, both towns joined Clean Energy Communities, the nationally-recognized Energize Connecticut program to help cities and towns save energy and increase the installation of renewable energy.

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**PHOTO CAPTION – From left to right: Keri Enright-Kato of DEEP, First Selectman of Durham Laura Francis, John Lyman Elementary Facilities Director Rob Francis, Principal Thomas Ford, Superintendent Dr. Kathryn Veronesi, First Selectman of Middlefield Ed Bailey, Linda Darveau of US EPA Region 1, and John Kibbee of Eversource Energy.**

***About Energize Connecticut***

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