



Best Practices in Sustainability Education



**Goodwin College, East Hartford
October 28, 2016**

8 AM TO 3 PM

*Bring a team from your school or district:
Educators, health/wellness staff, and facility staff*

Registration \$10 pp for Green LEAF Schools, \$15 pp Others

Register at <http://tinyurl.com/GLSBestPractices>

Workshops for all areas of interest

Learn about resources available to help “green” your school

*In the interest of sustainability, bring your own lunch and reusable cup
Beverages and snacks will be provided*

Agenda

7:45-8:15	Registration and Refreshments
8:30	Welcome and Opening Remarks, Dr. Dianna Wentzell, <i>CT Education Commissioner</i>
8:45- 9:30	Revisiting your School's Self-Assessment
9:45 – 11:00	Promising Practices Sessions
11:15 – 1:15	Organizations/Networking time/Lunch/Pecha Kucha Presentations from Schools
1:15 – 2:30	Promising Practices Sessions
2:30- 3:00	Wrap up/Closing

Promising Practices Sessions *All sessions will end with a round table discussion, inviting participants to ask questions, network, reflect, and share thoughts on how to move your own school communities forward.*

Energy Education- Hands on investigations for your classroom or Green Team!

Presenter: *Kathy Brooks, eesmarts™, Project Learning Tree Connecticut*

Learn more about PLT GreenSchools! Investigations and Energize Connecticut's *eesmarts* program, and how they help meet Green LEAF and Green Ribbon requirements. Sample activities, implementation strategies and free lessons for your school!

Wastebusters Green Cleaning Video and Resources: A Workshop for teachers, facility personnel, and other staff

Partners: *DEEP: Mary Sherwin and Judith Prill, DPH, Green ribbon school(s)*

Learn about the CT green cleaner requirements. Video and materials are available to educate teachers, students, and families to get everyone on board with your green cleaning initiative. Discussion will include experiences of schools with the law and creative ways to use materials.

Reading, Writing and Recycling: Making recycling part of school life and classroom learning

Partners: *CJ May, City of Waterbury; Sherill Baldwin, DEEP; Amy O'Neal, Jason Learning*

Become more familiar with CT recycling laws, and how to engage school communities in all aspects of recycling throughout school-life. Learn the history of recycling, current mandates and informational resources available on the state level. Explore free STEM-oriented curriculum.

Going for the Green (Ribbon)

Partners: *Laurel Kohl, Institute for Sustainable Energy, Green Ribbon schools*

What does it take to make to the Green Ribbon level? Are you there now? Do you have a plan to get there? Learn about the supports and resources available to your school, and the experiences other schools have had getting to, and growing beyond Green Ribbon honors.

Energy Management in Schools

Partners: *Dave Stankus, Wolcott Public Schools; Laurel Kohl, Institute for Sustainable Energy*

From free resources available through the ISE to do EnergyStar Benchmarking of your buildings, to management strategies, the potentials are astounding. Learn how Wolcott trimmed more than \$650,000 in energy costs and 47% of their energy use in 5 years. Your district can to!

Effective Strategies for Maximizing Learning in the Schoolyard

Partners: *Suzannah Holsenbeck, Common Ground, and Francesca Williams, Audubon Greenwich*

Transform your school grounds into learning habitats and an outdoor classroom through the Schoolyard Habitat Program. Best practices of integrating the schoolyard into the curriculum, success stories of increasing students' attitudes about nature, and knowledge of concepts.

Environmental Health in Schools

Partners: *Kenny Foscue/ Tools for Schools-DPH*

Learn how to initiate, implement or grow your school's Indoor Environmental Quality monitoring program with the toolbox from Tools for Schools.

Food and Nutrition in Schools

Partners: *Sue Quincy/ DEEP and Food, Land and People*

Great lessons that connect students' knowledge and the foods they eat. From gardens to the lunchroom, the opportunities are sprout up everywhere!

Air Quality Flags—Better breathing for all

Partners: *Michele Chaffee and Jared Millay/CT DEEP; Green LEAF Schools*

Educate your students and community about air quality, helping to minimize the impact of the asthma in your students.