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## **Betsy Ross Arts Magnet School Earns ENERGY STAR® Certification**

*News conference held to honor accomplishment and other  
energy-saving initiatives in the city*



*New Haven City Engineer Giovanni Zinn (left), The United Illuminating Company's Manager of Commercial and Industrial Energy Services Will Riddle (middle) and Superintendent of New Haven Public Schools Garth Harries (right) pose with the newly- installed ENERGY STAR certification plaque at Betsy Ross Arts Magnet School in New Haven*

**NEW HAVEN, Conn. (July 14, 2016)** – Recently, members of The United Illuminating Company (UI), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Haven Board of Education, alongside New Haven Mayor Toni Harp, gathered at Betsy Ross Arts Magnets School to unveil a plaque signifying the school's recent ENERGY STAR® certification.

The city and the board of education have worked in conjunction making a proactive effort to improve energy efficiency in the surrounding community. They have worked diligently to provide cost-effective and energy-efficient solutions for the schools and city.

“It has been an honor to work closely with representatives of the City of New Haven as they make a push toward a more energy conscious lifestyle,” said Will Riddle, manager, commercial and industrial energy services, The United Illuminating Company. “The conscientious efforts by both the board of education, and the city, to incorporate LED lighting across the community, specifically in their public schools, in addition to offering rebate programs for citizens has allowed New Haven to develop into one of the most energy efficient cities in the state.”

Mayor Harp was joined by EPA representative Cynthia Veit Maia in leading a group of speakers that included Superintendent of New Haven Public Schools Garth Harries, UI’s Manager of Energy Services Will Riddle, New Haven City Engineer Giovanni Zinn and chief operating officer of New Haven Public Schools William Clark. Each congratulated the school on its accomplishment and shared their thoughts on the impact of energy conservation throughout the city. The ceremony concluded with the involved parties assisting Betsy Ross students in unveiling their new plaque.

Betsy Ross Arts Magnet school is one of five New Haven schools involved in the recent ENERGY STAR certifications.

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