



Bridgeport Public Schools

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Aquaculture School Holds Open House for Enrollment *Open House for Bridgeport students to be held Tues., Oct. 16*

Bridgeport, CT – September 26, 2007 – The Bridgeport Regional Vocational Aquaculture School will conduct its annual Open-House for enrollment for interested Bridgeport students on Tuesday, Oct. 16 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Aquaculture School is located at 60 Saint Stephens Road in Bridgeport.

Having developed an extensive curriculum in the sciences and technologies, the school provides an opportunity for students to attend this shared-time program for up to the full four high school years. Classroom instruction ensures that each student is made fully aware of the natural relationship between science and supporting technology. Applications of this knowledge in both meaningful and beneficial projects developed by the staff further enhance this awareness.

Since 1993, Aquaculture School has provided an unparalleled level of instruction and unique opportunities for success to all interested students. Participants in student enrollment include students from Bridgeport as well as six suburban school districts.

Aquaculture School maintains a demanding level of instruction and a commitment to continually develop educational and research partnerships in support of learning. Partners represent state/federal environmental agencies, existing and developing aquaculture businesses, private and state universities and the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The University of Connecticut has been an active partner, including Bridgeport Aquaculture School in its research on micro/macro algae culture and enthusiastically supporting the on-site, fully accredited Early College Experience (E.C.E) courses curricula.

Since 1994, NOAA and the National Sea Grant Program, have supported Aquaculture School through their international programs activities, introducing the school to Bi-annual Living Marine Resources panel discussions in the Peoples Republic of China. Through recent efforts of NOAA and Sea Grant, South Korea has been added to the school's partnerships.

In addition, the *M/V Catherine Moore*, a 56-foot U.S. Coast Guard certified vessel, was commissioned to service the school in its activities on Long Island Sound. The boat operates as a floating classroom and scientific research vessel, allowing the students to conduct experiments in marine biology and water chemistry, engage in commercial fishing operations and learn navigation through software/marine electronics. Technology aboard the vessel has also been upgraded to include an underwater remote operated vehicle (ROV) for research purposes.

For more information regarding the Open House, please contact Aquaculture School at 576-7698.

The mission of the Bridgeport Public Schools and its supporting community is to graduate all students "college ready" and prepared to succeed in life. For more information about Bridgeport Public Schools visit the website at www.bridgeportedu.com.