



Bridgeport Public Schools

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UI Lights the Way for Bridgeport's Energy Efficient School *\$140,500 check presentation at Cesar Batalla on May 1 at 1 p.m.*

BRIDGEPORT, CT – April 24, 2007 – Cesar A. Batalla School will receive \$140,500 from The United Illuminating Company (UI) at a check presentation to be held at the school at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1. The check is an incentive from UI's Energy Conscious Blueprint and the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for the installation of energy efficient systems throughout the school. Those attending the presentation include John Fabrizi, Mayor of Bridgeport, John J. Ramos, Superintendent, Jack Butkus, Executive Director of Bridgeport Public Schools and Jim Torgerson, CEO of The United Illuminating Company.

The Bridgeport Board of Education (BOE) recently utilized UI's Energy Conscious Blueprint Program when building the energy efficient school to reduce its electric bills. According to UI, by means of these energy efficient systems, an estimated 599,007 kWh will be saved annually, as well as an additional 334.2 kW during summer peak periods.

This is just the beginning of energy consciousness for Bridgeport Public Schools. "We are very happy with UI's Energy Blueprint Conscious Program and the opportunity it presented to be rewarded for energy efficiency," said Jack Butkus, BOE Director of Operations. "The Bridgeport Board of Education has decided that the design of Cesar

Batalla School will be replicated in the next seven schools we build. We are taking the design principles and replicating them in all designs here on out to assist with peak shedding while being energy efficient.”

The mission of the Bridgeport Public Schools and its surrounding 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.

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