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healthy, green schools for all.*



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## **Connecticut School Flag Program**

*A collaboration of the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and CT Green LEAF Schools, the School Flag Program helps schools to highlight the importance of good air quality and to educate the school community about the Air Quality Index (AQI) and its implications for student activities each day.*

<http://www1.easterncnct.edu/sustainenergy/school-flag-program/>

# What we did:

DEEP Air Monitoring Lab paid had limited funds earmarked for outreach activities. (enough to buy a few flag sets)

DEEP's Environmental Education folk connected the dots.

A collaboration was developed between the DEEP Air Monitoring Lab and CT Green LEAF.

Together we created a workshop that was presented April 2015.



# Connecticut School Flag Program

- Connecticut Letter of Commitment

so we know who is “out there” and we have an idea about how they plan to implement the program

- Register on the national network

- Get the widget

- Tap Into the Tools and Resources

Air Quality info PowerPoints  
Lessons and Classroom Ideas  
Air Quality FAQs

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# And now....

12 Schools Committed to the Connecticut Program

20 Educators (including one school nurse!) were trained at 2 workshops

Flags are out in those 12 schools ( 6 signed on to the national database)

Messaging to schools

# Next Steps....

Follow up and assistance to schools with another PD offering

Including Air Quality Flags in the November 3 *Best Practices in Sustainability Education* conference in Connecticut

Outreach to others, including

summer camp directors, Health Department Indoor Air Quality Group, school nurses, athletic directors, day care centers, senior centers, nursing homes, hospitals, ambulance groups, towns or other state agencies...



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