



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 9, 2018

Eric Lauver
Trinity High School, Assistant Principal
724-223-2000 x6503
elauver@trinityhillers.net

Barbara Robuck
West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund Communications
(814) 865-7380
wppsef@ems.psu.edu

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL AWARDED GRANT TO FURTHER EXPAND SOLAR POWER ON CAMPUS

Washington, PA: Trinity High School has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund to purchase a “SolarFlower Pop+” that will be used to both further the campus’ sustainable energy initiative and to continue the school’s focus on career education to better prepare students for a competitive, 21st Century workforce.

“The generous grant will help us shift the educational paradigm from textbook learning to true application of skills. Students will be challenged to develop an understanding of the application of solar technology, as well as be able to procure cutting edge job skill sets for immediate and future scenarios. We plan to build on the WPPSEF grant by creating a Washington County Renewable Energy Education Center at the district,” said Thomas J. Samosky, Principal.

Mr. Eric Lauver, High School Administrator added, “Modeling environmental stewardship and sustainability on our campus will allow Trinity High School to lead the conversation with our students and our community regarding alternative energy sources and their place in preparing students to enter the workforce. We are thrilled to have the partnership of the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund to assist in making our vision a reality.”

“This seed grant will help Trinity High School grow its commitment to renewable energy and facilitate additional educational opportunities for their students. We are very pleased to assist Trinity High School in their efforts.” said Joel Morrison, WPPSEF Fund Administrator.

Established in 1925, Trinity Area High School serves students in Amwell, Canton, North Franklin, and South Strabane Townships in Washington County, PA. The current student enrollment is 1,015 students in grades 9–12. In the 2017–18 school year, Trinity High School ranked first in the nation for the greatest percentage of increased qualifying Advanced Placement scores in Math, Science, and English. The

school is consistently rated as a top-performing school in southwestern Pennsylvania. Established career pathways exist in Vocational Agriculture, including General Agriculture, Agriculture Mechanics, Horticulture, and Agriculture Construction. New career pathways are being developed in Accounting, Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Therapy, and Child Development. Visit www.trinitypride.org for more information, or follow Trinity High School on Facebook (facebook.com/trinityhillerpride/) or Twitter ([@thstrinitypride](https://twitter.com/thstrinitypride)).

The **West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that invests in the deployment of sustainable energy technologies that benefit West Penn Power ratepayers in Pennsylvania. WPPSEF investments are focused in three broad categories:

- ✓ Deployment of sustainable and clean energy technologies;
- ✓ Deployment of energy efficiency and conservation technologies; and
- ✓ Facilitating economic development, environmental betterment, and public education as they relate to sustainable energy deployment in the WPP service region.

Visit <http://www.wppsef.org> for further information. [YouTube](#) – Listen to what out project partners have to say about us.