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State College Friends School receives \$35K grant from West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund

Funds to be used to replace original 2003 WPPSEF solar panels with upgraded solar panels to educate students about energy

July 17, 2020 - The State College Friends School (SCFS) has been awarded a \$35,000 grant from the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) to replace the original 2003 WPPSEF project which placed solar panels on the roof as one of their first projects in the Centre Region. The existing solar array consisted of twenty 100w panels. Those original panels will be moved to storage and reused in a different project at State College Friends School to aid education about renewable energy.

The Friends School's commitment to Stewardship as one of its six testimonies will be enhanced by the funding from WPPSEF to assist them in the installation of this new, more reliable, energy efficient solar array along with the technical assistance and support from SunPower. With their SunPower solar array, State College Friends School is anticipating that 25% of their school's energy needs will be covered. This small Quaker school looks forward to engaging all of its PreK - 8th grade students in powerful learning experiences that connect their commitment to the clean, renewable and sustainable energy source of the sun with their passion to make our world a better, more energy efficient place.

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commitment to the clean, renewable and sustainable energy source of the sun with their passion to make our world a better, more energy efficient place.” said Donnan Stoicovy, Head of School.

“This was a project that excited me from the start. Not only the opportunity to see the solar technology at State College Friends School upgraded, but the opportunity to help educate the students about the benefits of renewable energy. The students at State College Friends School are the future leaders of our community and beyond” said Jacob Mann, Sales Leader.

Joel Morrison, WPPSEF Fund Administrator, said “We are excited to be working with State College Friends School again. They were the fund’s first solar project in 2003 and it’s great to see the previous system repurposed to facilitate additional educational opportunities and for this new grant to help the school grow its commitment to renewable energy with a larger, more efficient system”.

ABOUT

State College Friends School (SCFS) is a nonprofit independent Quaker School that provides a quality educational program that incorporates best practices in education, challenges all students to reach their full potential, and supports our mission. Guided by the Quaker values of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and stewardship and a passion for learning translated into an academically stimulating, vibrant, nurturing and inclusive school community built on a foundation of respect and genuine concern for all. Through a curriculum rich in service learning, students will have the opportunity to explore the personal, political, and environmental issues that others face. By forming collaborative relationships with community partners, their students begin to discover ways in which their decisions and actions can have a positive impact locally and globally. SCFS was 2019 recipient of the United States Department of Education’s Green Ribbon School designation for its commitment to environmental sustainability.

Sun Directed focuses on empowering home and business owners to produce their own energy using solar power. Our team of trained and certified solar

professionals works closely with our clients to implement solar power systems that last for generations. Sun Directed is proud to provide our customers with upfront, transparent solutions. Sun Directed is an authorized commercial SunPower dealer located in State College, Pennsylvania.

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.

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