

# BONSTINGL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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## JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Student teams from **John F. Kennedy Middle School** will be the very first Connecticut students to participate in the national *Bonstingl Leaders for the Future* student service-learning leadership development program conducted by Bonstingl Leadership Development, headquartered in Columbia, Maryland.

**John Jay Bonstingl**, creator of the nationally-acclaimed program, has said how delighted he is to bring his program to the Enfield School District because of the district's new superintendent's nationally-recognized leadership in Quality Education. "Enfield is very fortunate to have **Dr. Jeffrey Schumann** at the helm," says Mr. Bonstingl.

*Bonstingl Leaders for the Future* is an intensive and highly interactive 2-day service-learning leadership workshop designed for young people who are the emerging leaders of their schools. Student participants explore what it takes to be a true leader and teammate, as they learn tools and skills to create an original, low-cost service project to "make their good schools and communities even better -- safer, more welcoming, and more conducive to success for all." These skills will also be useful to young people as they enter the increasingly competitive world of work, according to Mr. Bonstingl.

The workshop will be conducted at John F. Kennedy Middle School on Monday and Tuesday, October 29th and 30th. Executives from locally-based companies, including **LEGO** and **MassMutual**, have been invited to join Dr. Schumann and school principal **Timothy M. Van Tassel** as judges.

Representatives of the media are cordially invited to see our work in action anytime during the 2-day program. Student teams will be making formal presentations of their

proposed service projects on **Tuesday, October 30th at 1:00pm**. This is probably the best time for photographs and for reporters to get a good idea of the students' work.

*Bonstingl Leaders for the Future*, now in its 16th year, has been conducted throughout the USA, as well as in several countries overseas including Brazil, Nepal, and India. Additional information about the program is available online at:

[http://www.bonstingl.com/Sub\\_Sites/leadersforthefuture.html](http://www.bonstingl.com/Sub_Sites/leadersforthefuture.html)

<http://www.bonstingl.com/Library/everychild.html>

<http://www.bonstingl.com/Library/developingcharacter.html>

Mr. Bonstingl created his national leadership and service-learning program based on the research in his best-selling book ***Schools of Quality***, with more than a quarter-million copies in print, as well as his 17 years' experience as a classroom teacher and his service as a national examiner for the **Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award** program.

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