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"Every Student Every Day  
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*"The faculty and staff of Sullivan Middle School are committed to **making a difference** in the life of each student by providing a well-balanced, rigorous program of study in a safe, nurturing and personalized atmosphere."*

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**Sullivan Middle School Partners with the  
Worcester Educational Development Foundation, Inc.,  
and Community Partners  
for Phase II of Beautification and Education Project**

**Worcester, MA** – The Dr. Arthur F. Sullivan Middle school community is pleased to announce that the Worcester Educational Development Foundation, Inc., (WEDF) has received two generous donations to support the second phase of our campus beautification plan; \$ 8,000 in grant funding was received by The Nathaniel Wheeler Trust for purchase of new trees, shrubs, and plants. \$ 700 in grant funding was received by Bay State Savings Bank to purchase the necessary materials and supplies needed to support this project.

Sullivan Middle is partnering with Bigelow Nurseries, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and The Worcester Tree Initiative (WTI) to enhance the main entrance to the school; this is part of a multi-tiered plan to beautify the school's grounds; Phase I was completed in the Fall of 2013 with the planting of 12 new trees donated by the WTI and planted with assistance from the WTI and DCR.

Sullivan Middle School's newly inducted Junior National Honor Society students will be taking part in this program on Friday, May 09, 2014 from 9:00-11:30 AM. Each student will attend a half-hour student-centered educational course on the important value trees have in the environment and the challenges faced in urban areas. This will be followed by working with staff from both agencies to assist in the planting of the new trees by digging the holes, breaking up the root balls, planting the trees, and mulching and watering them. While the trees are being planted, the trainers will explain the planting process and provide handouts for each student to share with their peers and families. Once the trees are planted, several student groups will share responsibility for the care and maintenance of the plantings.

We welcome you to join us on May 9th for this phenomenal collaboration and educational experience. Please R.S.V.P. to Michael Lyons at [LyonsM@worc.k12.ma.us](mailto:LyonsM@worc.k12.ma.us) if you plan to attend.



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