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HARTFORD STUDENTS ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS WILL HAVE A GLOBAL IMPACT

The Hartford Board of Education, parents and school administrators will be wishing farewell to 26 of our students on Monday, July 19th as they head to the 2004 TUNZA International Children's Conference on the Environment at Connecticut College in New London.

The students, ranging in age from 10 to 13 years old, will spend one week discussing various environmental issues with 600 other delegates from 60 different countries. It is the first time the conference is being held in the United States.

The participants will attend daily hands-on, interactive workshops at Connecticut College and in other locations around New London that include:

- ❖ Supervised environmental experiments
- ❖ Ways to use art & music to express ideas
- ❖ How to safely surf the net for environmental ideas
- ❖ Hands on experience on environmental issues
- ❖ Music and drama for the closing ceremony

In addition, the students will take part in off-campus field trips to museums, organic farms, aquariums and facilities that focus on biodiversity, recycling, agriculture, indigenous culture, water, alternative energy sources and marine biology.

On Friday evening, they will have an opportunity to share their concerns with various representatives from the U.N.

Hartford's students are attending the International Children's Conference on the Environment through the generosity of St. Paul Travelers.

For more information, please call Jacquelyn Hardy, Senior Director of Communications and Community Affairs at (860) 695-8409, or Margo Phillip of the Hartford Public Schools Science Department at (860) 695-3514.

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