

## *Cool It Team Presents at OneThing Expo*

The Cool It Challenge Team from Hillcrest Middle School traveled to the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford to make a presentation at the “OneThing” Expo on Saturday, October 11. The “OneThing” Expo is based on the concept that Connecticut residents, businesses, and other organizations – in an endeavor to save on the cost of energy – can have a positive impact on the environment as well, by doing OneThing each day to save energy.

The event was co-sponsored by the Office of Governor Jodi Rell and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, as well as business and non-profit organizations from throughout the state. The Expo is a signature event as part of Governor Rell’s continuing Energy Vision for a Cleaner, Greener State.

The Cool It Team’s presentation focused on its plan to reduce Hillcrest’s carbon footprint, which is a measure of greenhouse gas emissions caused directly and indirectly by the school. The plan includes analyzing student data, raising awareness about the need to recycle, and providing additional recycling containers in the school.

The team, advised by Brian Hendrickson, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade world geography and culture teacher, has met with Superintendent Ralph Iassogna, First Selectman Ray Baldwin, and Senator Joseph Lieberman following its outstanding results at last May’s Cool It Climate Change Challenge competition at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.

The team’s OneThing presentation, which includes a summary of the school’s energy-related expenses and a plan to decrease them, will be featured on Community Channel 17 for viewing by members of the Trumbull community.