



Dublin City Schools Receives National Recognition for Solar Panels



It may be in a small town, but Dublin City Schools is receiving national recognition. In a special ceremony held in Washington D.C., the school district was awarded for its significant contribution to advancing the use of solar energy.

On behalf of DCS, Superintendent Dr. Chuck Ledbetter accepted The Solar Foundation's K-12 Schools Award for his outstanding dedication to install more than a megawatt of solar energy at Dublin High School. Specifically, the DHS solar panels were chosen for saving

the entire school district significant costs over the life of the project.

"All politics are local," said Ledbetter. "But, the politics of solar aren't blue or red; they're green."

"Comparing May 2013's electricity bill to May 2014, Dublin City Schools saved about \$15,000 thanks to its solar panels," said Christi Thublin, Dublin City Schools Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Operations.

And, May isn't even the hottest month of the year.

"When we can see it's saving money, that's when people become interested," Ledbetter said.

The Solar Foundation is a national umbrella that works with solar manufacturers across the country. Through education outreach and policy research, TSF strives to help people recognize the value of solar as a clean energy source that promotes energy independence.

As one of its five awardees, Dublin City Schools was nominated by the public and selected by a committee of leaders from across the solar industry.

"A lot of folks are interested in what we're doing," said Ledbetter.

Adding, he's very proud that Dublin City Schools was recognized nationally, especially for its solar panel efforts.

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