



MEDIA ADVISORY

Buffalo Sabre, Paul Gaustad, to visit Ben Franklin Middle School today to see first-hand the lessons learned as part of the Energy Detectives Program

(February 23, 2009) Photo and interview opportunity begins at 1:00 p.m. with Buffalo Sabre Paul Gaustad visiting 8th-grader, Spencer Miliotto's classroom. School assembly featuring Paul Gaustad to begin at 1:25 p.m. Ben Franklin Middle School is located at 540 Parkhurst Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14223. Gaustad's visit is part of the grand prize awarded to Spencer Miliotto who was named western New York's top Energy Detective.

Spencer Miliotto was named western New York's Top Energy Detective as part of a program launched by National Fuel, the Buffalo Sabres and the National Energy Education Development Project (NEED). In addition to Gaustad's visit to his classroom, Spencer won an autographed Sabres jersey and four tickets to attend a Sabres game at HSBC Arena and attend the post-game press conference with Sabres' head coach Lindy Ruff on March 4, 2009.

Last November, as part of National Fuel's Conservation Incentive Program, National Fuel, the Buffalo Sabres and NEED joined together to offer a new, free and exciting program for teachers at the fifth through 12th-grade level to help their students become Energy Detectives by learning about energy efficiency, conservation and energy sources. The Energy Detectives Program has reached more than 9,000 students and 100 teachers throughout western New York.

Andy Leuth, who nominated Spencer for the honor, is a Technology teacher at Ben Franklin Middle School and has led an effort to bring these important lessons on energy efficiency not only to his students, but to also include: students who are entered in a national problem-solving competition and are focusing on reducing the amount of energy wasted in the school district; eighth-grade science students who are studying the laws of physics relative to forms of energy and energy conversion; a team of Science Olympians who are creating an energy-related project; foreign language students who are translating the lessons from English to Spanish; seventh and eighth grade BOCES students who are studying energy efficiency and conservation; and a sixth-grade special education student.

Photo Opportunity Details for February 23, 2009

**Ben Franklin Middle School
540 Parkhurst Blvd.
Buffalo, NY 14223**

**1:00 – 1:20 p.m. Classroom visit by Buffalo Sabre Paul Gaustad
1:25 – 2:00 p.m. Student assembly with Paul Gaustad**

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