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NEWS RELEASE

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Steel Valley School District to be Recognized at “Healthy School Summit”

Munhall, PA – Steel Valley School District will be one of 13 southwestern Pennsylvania schools and districts honored at the Healthy School Summit, a program of Women for a Healthy Environment, on Friday, Oct. 25 at the Double Tree Hilton – Greentree, from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

All Steel Valley schools in the District (*Barrett & Park Elementary, the Middle and High School*) will be honored for their year-long participation in Women for a Healthy Environment’s Healthy Schools Program and to celebrate progress made in creating a healthier learning environment.

“Christine Schott, Steel Valley School District’s Districtwide Environmental Coordinator, has been working hard to get this designation for Steel Valley,” said Steel Valley Superintendent Edward Wehrer.

According to Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis, executive director of Women for a Healthy Environment, the organization has a goal to educate and inform parents, educators, and administrators and looks forward to engaging these crucial advocates for the health and well-being of children.

“We are also excited to honor schools that have taken steps to improve their environments. They serve as excellent role models and mentors for other schools in the community,” said Naccarati-Chapkis.

The keynote address, “*Foundations for Student Success: How School Buildings Influence Student Health, Thinking and Performance*,” will be delivered by Erika Eitland, MPH, Program Manager at the Schools for Health Lab at Harvard’s T.H Chan School of Public Health.

Summit experts will cover topics ranging from the basics of creating a healthy school, teaching resiliency in the classroom, whole-school sustainability, and a primer on school grant proposals.

Throughout the year, Women for a Healthy Environment’s Healthy Schools PA program provides education, training, and information for parents, educators, administrators and students looking to improve the indoor and outdoor environmental profile of their schools and school districts.

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Limited seating is available for the Healthy Schools Summit. Cost is \$40, which includes meals. Scholarships and discounts for parents are available, and Act 48 and Nursing CEUs are also available.

For information, call Women for a Healthy Environment at 412-404-2872. Register at www.healthyschools2019.evenbrite.com

About Women for a Healthy Environment

Women for a Healthy Environment is a nonprofit based in Pittsburgh that educates and empowers community members about environmental risks that impact public health. Through community programming, technical assistance and advocacy WHE creates healthy spaces for children to live, learn and play. Learn more at www.WomenForAHealthyEnvironment.org.

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