## Winners Announced For This Year's Way to Go! School Challenge Mary Hogan Elementary School Wins The Big Prize - A Solar PowerFlower! Super Carbon Cutter Award went to Windsor School

**Montpelier, Vermont-**-About 28,000 students, faculty and staff participated in this year's Way to Go! School Challenge from 76 schools across the state. That's a 200% increase in school participation from 2017! This year, 41 of the participating schools met the 50 point criteria to be eligible to win the big prize--an AllEarth Renewables Solar Tracker--and Hartland Elementary was the big winner!

David Blittersdorf, President and CEO of AllEarth Renewables, shared in the sentiment. "We're happy to be able to award our new PowerFlower to a school that has demonstrated its commitment to and awareness of energy use around transportation -- which can be significant in our mostly rural state. Encouraging teachers and students to choose more efficient transportation options is a great first step to life-long change. My hope is that everyone continues to carpool, walk, bike, and take the bus as often as they can, to grow the transition to cleaner, affordable and more reliable public transit".

The 2018/19 Way to Go! School Challenge Award Winners included: Super Carbon Cutter Award/ AllEarth Renewables Solar PowerFlower to Mary Hogan Elementary School; Super Carbon Cutter Award/QOR360 chairs Windsor School; Carbon Cup to Windsor School; Carbon Cutting Leader for Bus Ridership to Champlain Valley Union High School; Carbon Cutting Leader Most Improved to Poultney Central School, Carbon Cutting Leader for Highest Percentage of students, staff and teachers walking, rolling or biking to Albert Bridge School; Carbon Cutting Leader for Best photo or video to Enosburg Falls Elementary School, and Carbon Cutting Leader for 2nd Highest Participation Overall to Mary Hogan Elementary School. Several schools won 24 pair of Darn Tough Socks including: CP Smith, Poultney Central School, Isle La Motte Elementary, Central Elementary, and Edmunds Middle School and finally, Putney Central School won the Keurig Commercial Brewer.

Many schools went above and beyond in their efforts to drive participation and reduce carbon pollution this year. All schools were invited to join this year's Way to Go! School Challenge Award Ceremony to celebrate and congratulate the winners, on June 5<sup>th</sup> in the House Chamber, second floor, at the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier.

Designed to encourage a culture of shared mobility, the Way to Go! School Challenge seeks to get people moving, support cleaner air and reduce fossil fuel consumption. For a complete list of all of this year's Way to Go! School Challenge winners, visit <u>waytogovt.org</u>.

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