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### **NSSEA President/CEO Jim McGarry Elected to Green School Coalition of USGBC**

(*Silver Spring, MD*) — President/CEO Jim McGarry of the National School Supply and Equipment Association (NSSEA) was recently elected to the Executive Committee of the Coalition for Green Schools, organized by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). McGarry represented NSSEA at USGBC's Greenbuild International Conference & Expo last week in Toronto. Greenbuild showcases the latest in green building products, technologies and innovations.

The Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council is working closely with NSSEA at the 2011 School Equipment Show, taking place November 30-December 2, 2011, in San Antonio. Rachel Gutter, Director of the Center for Green Schools at USGBC, is widely recognized as one of the nation's foremost experts on the topic of green schools and will be leading an industry panel discussion on how to capitalize on the green movement on Wednesday, November 30.

The Coalition for Green Schools is an alliance of the nation's leading educational and environmental associations, including the American Architectural Foundation, Council of Educational Facility Planners, National Education Association, National PTA, National School Boards Association and many others. The Coalition is in pursuit of a common mission: provide every child in America with a green school.

The Coalition for Green Schools brings together the nation's strongest advocates for our children to create a national infrastructure of healthy, high performance schools that are conducive to learning while saving energy, resources and money. Coalition Executive Committee participants collectively represent more than 10 million members nationwide. Through monthly discussions on topics including new school construction, critical retrofits of existing facilities, green cleaning, metrics-based programs to track energy consumption and experiential learning opportunities for teachers and students, the Coalition is working to shape the classroom of the future and fundamentally change the way American students learn about the world around them.

NSSEA promotes an open marketplace for quality educational products and services that lay the foundation for a stimulating environment for teaching and learning. NSSEA's mission is to serve the educational products marketplace by providing high quality trade shows that increase the productivity of the channel; networking opportunities to build relationships with trading partners; and market information on which to make solid business decisions. For more information, visit [www.nssea.org](http://www.nssea.org).

**The U.S. Green Building Council** is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. With a community comprising 79 local affiliates, nearly 16,000 member organizations, and more than 167,000 LEED Professional Credential holders, USGBC is the driving force of an industry that is projected to contribute \$554 billion to the U.S. GDP from 2009-2013. USGBC leads an unlikely diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials and concerned citizens, and teachers and students. For more information, visit [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org), on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

**The Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)** is how USGBC is making sure every student has the opportunity to attend a green school within this generation. From the kindergartner entering the classroom, to the Ph.D. student performing research in a lab, the Center provides the resources and support to elevate dialogue, accelerate policy and institute innovation toward green schools and campuses. High-performing schools result in high-performing students, and the Center works directly with staff, teachers, faculty, students, administrators, elected officials and communities to drive the transformation of all schools into sustainable places to live and learn, work and play. For more information visit [www.centerforgreenschools.org](http://www.centerforgreenschools.org)

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