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## **"KISS THE PIG" CONTEST AT LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL! Environmental Club Promotes Food Waste Recycling**

**Lisbon, CT** – On Wednesday, October 7, the Lisbon Central School (LCS) Environmental Club will host a school-wide assembly as part of **Learn and Serve Challenge Week**. Featured guests at the assembly will be two 4-month old pigs that were purchased by the LCS Environmental Club for a local farmer. Each day the school's cafeteria food waste is picked up by the farmer and fed to the pigs. The assembly will culminate with the Kiss the Pig and Name the Pigs contests, organized by the Environmental Club students in an effort to raise awareness about food waste in their school. The event will take place at the school at 2:15 pm.

**Lisbon Central School is working on a multi-year "Green School" service-learning project in collaboration with KIDS Consortium** and with funding from the State Farm Companies, Youth Advisory Board and Wheelabrator Technologies, Inc. In addition to food waste, LCS students have improved an outdoor courtyard, measured bus and car idling in front of their school, and improved energy conservation. A new solar panel will soon be installed at LCS.

LCS students are also helping KIDS Consortium plan a New England-wide Green Schools **Student Summit** on May 25-26 at the University of New Hampshire. Hundreds of K-12 students from around New England and New York are expected to share their service-learning projects with each other at this event. See <http://www.kidsconsortium.org/summit.php>

The National Learn & Serve Challenge, October 5-12, is a weeklong series of local, state, and national events designed to raise awareness and public support for service-learning. Service-learning is a teaching method that engages young people in solving problems within their schools and communities as part of their academic studies or other type of intentional learning activity. For more information about the Challenge, visit: <http://www.learnandservechallenge.org/index.php>

Based in Auburn, Maine, KIDS (Kids Involved Doing Service-Learning) Consortium helps transform classrooms and communities through an award-winning educational model that has touched more than a quarter-million students across New England and New York. The mission of KIDS Consortium is to prepare young people to be active and responsible citizens by training and supporting educators, community organizations, and youth in best practices for service-learning. #