



## Whittier Tech's recycling program honored

HAVERHILL -- Whittier Tech's Science Teacher John Biafore and Plant Facilities Manager Harry Takesian were both honored by the Haverhill City Council for their commitment to Whittier's recycling program over that last 20 years.

Whittier's Environmental Club, a student club which oversees recycling at the 1,200-student school, began under the direction of Mr. Biafore in 1990. The program has expanded over the years to include paper, cans, plastic and glass bottles, and batteries. With Mr. Takesian, the maintenance department recycles light bulbs, computers, metals and the reuse of waste oil.

The high school collects 30 tons of recyclables each year which saves \$2,100, and generates approximately \$200 from recyclables which defrays the cost of trash removal, said Mr. Biafore.

"We're very proud of our program," Mr. Biafore said. "The money we save is important, but just as important is the education and awareness of our students. They have become well-versed in the importance of recycling and are always eager to help."

Whittier also sells electricity back to National Grid that helps to reduce the strain during power-related crises.

