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**WESTAR ENERGY'S GREEN TEAM HELPS BRING WIND ENERGY
TO HOPE ACADEMY**

TOPEKA, Kan., April 28, 2010 — Westar Energy's Green Team will help erect a Skystream 2.4 kilowatt wind turbine at Hope Academy, 1900 Southwest Hope Street, Topeka KS, on Wednesday, April 28, starting at 11 a.m.

The wind turbine at Hope Academy is part of Kansas State University's Kansas Wind for Schools program. In 2009, the Green Team assisted with erecting turbines at Pretty Prairie High School in Pretty Prairie and Blue Valley High School in Blue Valley.

To be selected, schools must agree to incorporate wind energy into their science curriculum. The turbine at Hope Academy will be used for educational classroom purposes.

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