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# OUR LEADERS

Dear Friends,

Thank you for reading our Annual State of the Schools Report for School Year 2016-2017. We hope you find this document informative and inspiring as we capture the powerful narrative of *Schools that are the Pride of OUR Community*. For complete details or further learning, please visit our website at [www.easthartford.org](http://www.easthartford.org).

In East Hartford, the story of **OUR** success is a story of incredible people, powerful efforts and shared results. In East Hartford, it is truly **OUR** story as the efforts of so many have led to the progress we celebrate today. Thank you to Mayor Marcia LeClerc, **OUR** team of dedicated Legislative Delegates, **OUR** Town Council and **OUR** Board of Education for their consistent support, encouragement and advocacy; thank you to **OUR** dedicated EHPS staff for their commitment to making a difference for every child; thank you to **OUR** parents and guardians for your partnership and most of all, thanks to **OUR** talented, truly special and remarkable kids from grades Pre-K-12. Your smiles, laughter, learning and progress are the true rewards that drive us to keep working hard.

This State of the Schools Report is designed to provide you with high level details regarding key accomplishments of the school year as well as tell the stories of **OUR** community and how **OUR** system has impacted them personally. As we began this process, we had no idea of the power, passion nor captivating detail we would receive in the interviews we conducted. We have shared these stories in **OUR** profiles scattered throughout this document, and hope you take the time to read the words of the folks who know us the best, who live **OUR** story, and who truly are the difference makers. We hope their stories bring you as much joy, enthusiasm and encouragement as they have brought to us as we wrote this report.

To this end, we double down on **OUR** commitment to provide a high quality learning experience for Every Child, Every Day. We believe *Expectations* set the bar for success and that *Effort* provides the pathway to achievement. We commit to a lifelong journey to improve and grow our personal *Competence* and believe that for every challenge, a *Solution* is present. We believe that the *Relationships* we share as a learning community are the bonds that make **OUR Results** possible.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

With Great East Hartford Pride,



**Bryan R. Hall**  
Board of Education Chairman



**Nathan D. Quesnel**  
Superintendent of Schools



# OUR STUDENTS

EHPS proudly serves 6,732 diverse, talented and dynamic students between grades Pre-K and 12. Our average grade ranges between 500-550 students with elementary class sizes around 21 students per class (dependent on grade level). At EHPS, we celebrate and embrace an incredibly diverse student body that represents the vibrant communities of our great town.



We are proud to be a district that provides our students with the beauty of our world and believes that “together, we are better.”



## OUR ATHLETES



Approximately 1,100 students participated in athletics



141 All-Academic Team Award Recipients and < 3% were C rule athletes during their season



3 Conference Champion Teams Cheerleading, Wrestling & Boys' Volleyball



6 New School Records in Track and Field



15 student athletes officially signed with 4 year colleges



52 All Conference Athletes

## OUR MUSICIANS

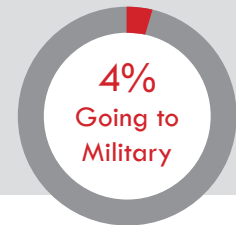
EHMS student **Stefanie Ma** was selected to play 1st chair bassoon for the Eastern Region Band Festival and the CT All-State Band Festival.

EHHS students **Briana Hewitt** and **Miranda Flanagan** received Statewide Scholastic honorable mentions in Painting and **Cesar Rodriguez** in Drawing and Illustration.

**Five EHMS students** were selected to play in the Eastern Region Middle School Band Festival. CIBA student, **Manon Michel**, won a Silver Key in Drawing and Illustration and an honorable mention in Photography.

EHHS student **Julia Brown** played cello in the Eastern Region Orchestra.

## OUR GRADUATES



# OUR SCHOOLS

With 18 buildings and over 210 acres of property, EHPS represents a major piece of our town and certainly the future of our community. Beyond our 15 schools, our Central Registration/Facilities Division is located at 734 Tolland Street, while the Board of Education and Central Administration can be found at 1110 Main Street. We take pride in our schools and work hard to keep them maintained, clean and ready for learning every day.

## Pre-School

Early Childhood Learning Center at Hockanum School

## Elementary Schools

Anna E. Norris School  
Franklin H. Mayberry School  
Governor William Pitkin School  
John A. Langford School  
Goodwin Elementary School  
Thomas O'Connell IB School  
Robert J. O'Brien STEM Academy  
Silver Lane School

## Middle Schools

Sunset Ridge School  
East Hartford Middle School

## High Schools

Connecticut IB Academy  
East Hartford High School

## Alternative Schools

Stevens Alternative High School  
Woodland School



# OUR AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



Based on a survey of our employees, EHPS was selected as a Top Workplace for 2016 by the Hartford Courant



CIBA Ranked #1 High School in Connecticut



Anthony Menard, East Hartford Middle School Principal, named CAS 2017 Middle-Level Principal of the Year



Matthew Brodeur, East Hartford High School Science Teacher, named a state finalist for a Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching



Office of Family and Community Partnerships presents at National Family Engagement Conference



East Hartford Public Schools highlighted at National PowerSchool Conference for work with PowerSchool implementation

## Faculty Profile

**ANTHONY MENARD**  
2017

Connecticut Association of Schools Middle Level Principal of the Year

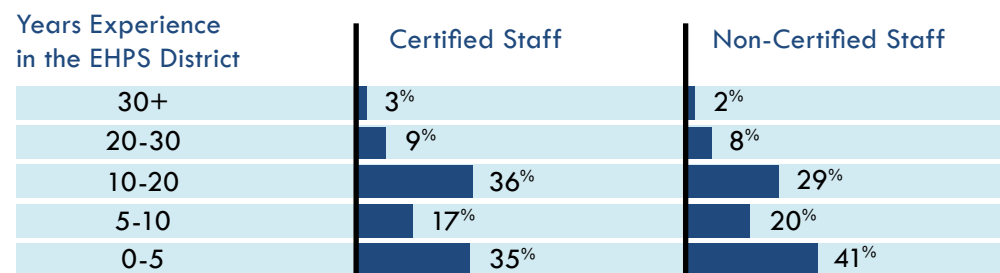


The East Hartford Community values people, hard work, and a commitment to excellence. Our schools reflect these positive attributes and the families of East Hartford we are diverse, talented, and forward thinking. The expectations that we have for our students is to prepare them academically and socially with the proper knowledge and skillset to positively impact society. Our schools place a premium on collaborative learning, teamwork, and respect as these skills will translate into a successful adult life. We are transparent about our goals and expectations while embracing and acknowledging that the journey, the struggle, and the rewards enrich the educational experience. Most of all, we believe that our students and families are special and we are here to support their hopes and dreams. The success of East Hartford Public Schools is the natural result of people working together towards a common vision of success.

## OUR FACULTY

Charged with helping the finest students in the state of Connecticut on their individualized paths to success is a dedicated staff of over 1,300 employees. Our staff is committed to developing the strong and powerful relationships and connections that are vital to student success. Our teaching force is highly trained and qualified (over 96% have advanced degrees) and receives continual professional development and training to grow and improve our skills to help students succeed.

### TEACHER/EDUCATOR EXPERIENCE



Celebrating 40+ Years of Experience

Loretta Fiengo  
Karen Pratson

Kent Smith  
Cynthia Roberson

Pamela Sisson

# OUR EH2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

In East Hartford, our work is guided by our own long range blueprint crafted in 2015 by our community, faculty and students. Our strategic plan, coined the EH2020, provides the broad aspirational goals of our school system that are in turn reflected in our annual district and school improvement processes.

While the four theories of action of our plan are listed below, the complete EH2020 as well as annual district plans can be found at [www.easthartford.org](http://www.easthartford.org).

### TRANSFORM STUDENT LEARNING

If EHPS provides students with rich, standards aligned curriculum, focuses on delivering high quality classroom instruction characterized by student centered learning experiences and, if EHPS provides differentiated intervention and enrichment at all levels, then we will transform student learning and help all students achieve.

### RICH AND VIBRANT LEARNING CULTURES

If EHPS focuses on fully engaging, empowering and appreciating students, families and faculty through all district and school interactions, then we will benefit from a rich and vibrant learning culture where all students achieve.

### TALENTED AND DIVERSE WORK FORCE

If EHPS focuses on attracting, hiring, developing and promoting a talented, diverse work force, then we will continue to grow the professional capacity so that all students achieve.

### RESPONSIBLY INVEST DISTRICT RESOURCES

If EHPS seeks out, advocates for, and responsibly invests district resources, then we will have the necessary technologies, infrastructure and finances to promote student achievement.



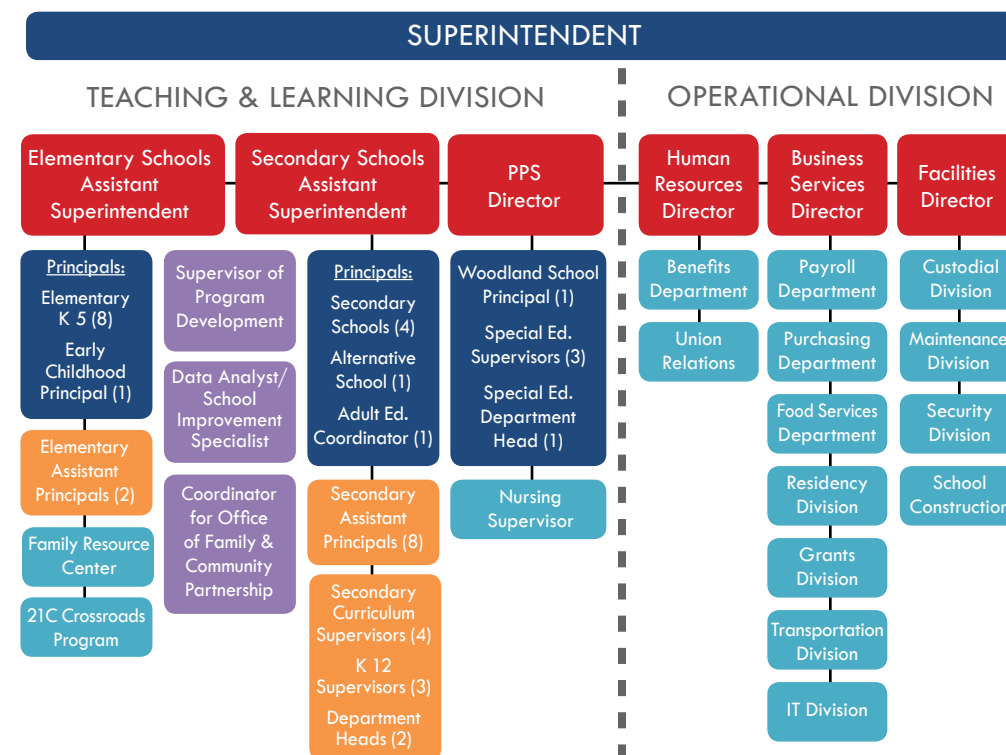
## Student Profile

**BEN GOH**  
Valedictorian,  
EHHS Class  
of 2017



Over the past 13 years, the East Hartford Public Schools system has provided me with all of the education I have today. The faculty and staff, both in and out of the classroom, have given me a safe and welcoming environment that has allowed me to become the successful student and person I am today. As I continue my education at UConn this fall, I will remember the valuable lessons that I have learned from my friends, teachers, and role models during my time in the East Hartford school system.

# OUR PLAN: DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART









## OUR FACILITIES

In addition to academic and social achievement, EHPS recognizes that the appearance, functionality and accessibility of **OUR** buildings are vital parts of the experience we provide for our children and families. This year has been an extremely busy year as we have completed an unprecedented number of facility projects using federal, state and local funds. These projects are the fruit of the work of many individuals, leaders, committees, commissions and legislative delegates. We sincerely appreciate the ideas, support through the town and state regulatory process, votes at referendum and advocacy for the grant funding that fuels these projects.



### EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER (ECLC) AT HOCKANUM SCHOOL

As a part of our commitment to Pre-School opportunities, we were required to develop extensive plans for Hockanum School to refit it to meet the codes and requirements of our new program. These included significant site improvements/parking lots, modernization of bathrooms and interior building updates. During Summer 2016, supported by a \$2.3 million grant from the State of Connecticut, this work was completed allowing us to open for Fall 2016 and host our Mayor, State Delegation and Commissioner Dianna Wentzell at our Grand Opening.



### EHMS WINDOW WALL PROJECT

Last summer we began the long awaited window wall project that was originally approved by East Hartford voters at referendum in 2012. This project removes the exterior "window wall" of the original structure built in 1954, and replaces it with a new, energy efficient system that rejuvenates this impressive facility. Projected to cost just under \$8 million and funded by state reimbursements of over 76%, it is slated to be completed for Summer 2017. A huge thank you goes out to our East Hartford legislative delegates, Senator Larson and Representatives Genga, Rojas and Currey for their support to make this project possible.



### EHHS FIELD AND STADIUM PROJECT

After an extensive design and regulatory process, we completed the construction phase of a \$1.5 million dollar athletic field and complex renovation project for the EHHS soccer and football stadium and opened up for competitive play in Fall 2016. This renovation features a state-of-the-art, environmentally-safe field turf, as well as renovations to the bleachers and the entry concourse for the stadium. The newly renovated stadium has been a highlight for our community as we have enjoyed hosting state-wide events here in East Hartford.

### Faculty Profile

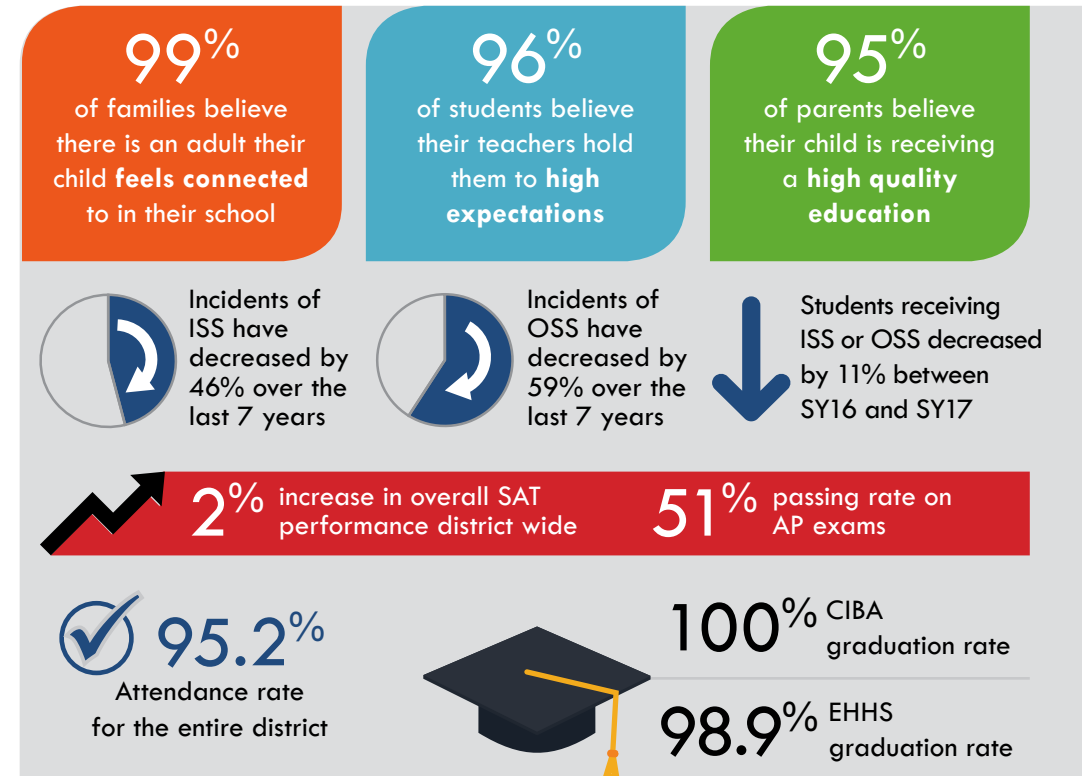
**NICHOLE RYAN**  
EHMS Math Teacher



I was thrilled beyond belief when I was offered an eighth grade math position at East Hartford Middle School. My first year was a year of personal challenges and professional growing pains. The moment I met my students I could sense that not only were they depending on my academic prowess, but I knew I had to earn their trust right away. I was open and honest about who I was and showed genuine interest in who they were. Some of my best moments were making time to talk to my students about their lives. I could name something in each one of them that was unique and truly special about them. Although this year came with its fair share of challenges for me, I am still grateful for every student, every relationship, and every hurdle I had to jump over this past year. I am also grateful that I get to hit the reset button and begin again in the fall. I am very excited about meeting my new cohorts and I look forward to being even better.

## OUR PERFORMANCE

EHPS is steadfast in the use of data to make informed decisions around improving systems, teaching, and learning. In preparation for 2017-2018, the EHPS Performance Office analyzed longitudinal achievement data and set grade level based targets. This process led to the implementation of a redesigned district accountability system with grade level targets; thus providing more comprehensive goal setting practices for the district, schools, teachers, and students.



### Faculty Profile

**MATT MARTUCCI**  
2018 District Teacher of the Year



I am very fortunate to work for East Hartford Public Schools. I am blessed to have so many colleagues who I admire and have encouraged me to be myself. They support and believe in me, enhancing the great pride I take in my ability to establish strong rapport with a very diverse population of students. I am confident that this is my greatest strength as a teacher. American scholar Karl Menninger said, "What the teacher is, is more important than what he teaches" and I couldn't agree more. Who we are as men and women of character and how we show it, is going to impact the lives of our students far more than the content of our lessons. Caring matters most.

## OUR FUNDERS





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## TOP 5 TIPS FOR A GREAT YEAR

1. Set Goals Now
2. Develop Good Routines
3. Communicate with your Teacher Early
4. Attend School Always
5. Get Involved

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