



Mitchell Elementary School Named Connecticut School of Distinction

January 9, 2023 -- Region 14 Schools Superintendent Brian Murphy announced that Mitchell Elementary School has been designated as a “School of Distinction” by the Connecticut State Department of Education for overall student achievement and high academic growth for the 2021-22 school year. Mitchell Elementary School is one of 129 Connecticut schools to earn this distinction.

“This tremendous accomplishment places Mitchell Elementary School in the top 10% of elementary schools in Connecticut based on high student achievement performance,” Murphy said. “This honor is a testament to the wonderful efforts of staff and support of parents.”

In December, the CSDE released results from the 2021-22 Next Generation Accountability System that measures individual school and district growth by gauging how well a school is preparing its students for success. According to the CSDE, the Next Generation Accountability System includes 12 indicators and moves beyond test scores and graduation rates to provide a more holistic, multifactor perspective of district and school performance and incorporates student growth over time. The Next Generation Accountability index is based on the state’s Smarter Balance Assessments given to students each spring.

Mitchell Elementary School’s designation is based on three separate categories in which the school ranked in the top 10% of all schools in the state. Mitchell’s accountability index is within the top 10% of all elementary and middle schools in Connecticut - 82.4% compared to the 69.7% state average. Mitchell is also among the schools with the highest student growth for all students in English Language Arts and in Math.

In ELA, 81.2% of Mitchell’s students met their growth goals compared to the state average of 60.4%. Mitchell students saw 88% of students meet their goals in math compared to the 65.2% state average.

“I cannot express how proud I am of the whole team here at Mitchell,” said Principal Kelly Pinho, who began her role as principal in September of 2021. “When I got here last year, I told my staff that with our team, we are going to do great things together. This shows we are on well on our way to do that.”