



**GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HAMILTON AVENUE SCHOOL
A STEAM Magnet**

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Dear Hamilton Avenue School Community,
Welcome to a new school year at Hamilton Avenue School! We are excited to embark on another year of growth, learning, and collaboration. Our commitment remains steadfast: ensuring every student achieves high academic standards while fostering social-emotional development through our Responsive Classroom approach.

We have so much to celebrate together. First and foremost, we are exceptionally proud of our continuous academic growth and thrilled to announce that Hamilton Avenue School was officially named a **School of Distinction for 2025!** This incredible recognition is a testament to the hard work of our students, the unwavering dedication of our staff, and the strong partnership of our families.

Following our continuous improvement efforts and community feedback, we are proud to officially launch our new magnet theme: **"Harmony in Learning: Bridging Academics and Arts through AVID and Suzuki."** Because STEAM instruction now mirrors what is offered across all Greenwich elementary schools, our previous theme no longer sets Hamilton Avenue apart as a unique choice for families. However, the Suzuki music philosophy is already deeply embedded in our culture and identity. By pairing Suzuki with the research-based AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Elementary framework, we are bridging academics and the arts to develop confident, well-rounded learners:

- **The Suzuki Approach:** Fosters perseverance, discipline, collaboration, and joy through music while building strong family partnerships through shared learning experiences.
- **The AVID Framework:** Promotes academic rigor, goal-setting, and a college- and career-readiness mindset. It strengthens organizational and executive functioning skills, builds inquiry-based study habits, and establishes consistent instructional strategies across all grade levels.

Together, these complementary approaches nurture student agency, increase engagement, and empower our students to take ownership of their education, preparing them for a seamless transition into middle school, high school, and beyond.

Located in the heart of the Chickahominy section of Greenwich, CT, our vibrant Pre-K through 5th-grade community thrives when we support the whole child. As a school, we uphold the Greenwich Public School Norms:

- **Be Here**
- **Be Honest**
- **Be Safe**
- **Care for Self**
- **Let Go and Move On**

These principles guide our daily interactions and foster positive, respectful working relationships. Reinforced by our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) program and the *Second Step* social-emotional learning curriculum, we will continue celebrating and providing incentives for students and staff who exemplify our community values.

Our parents and guardians are integral to everything we do. We invite you to engage with our school community by joining the Hamilton Avenue School PTA and participating in our many upcoming activities. Your active involvement helps us personalize learning experiences that align with the Greenwich Public Schools Vision of the Graduate and the District's Strategic Plan.

Thank you for being such an essential part of our school community. Together, we look forward to a harmonious, enriching, and successful school year!

Warm regards,

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