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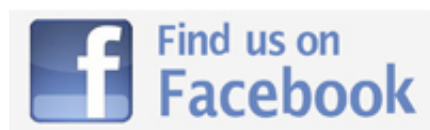


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Norwalk Education Foundation Now on Facebook

Be a friend on Facebook for the latest education news from close to home to around the globe. Keep updated on what's going on in Norwalk Public Schools, Connecticut state education news and the latest innovations in education from around the nation and overseas.



Norwalk Public Schools Report Card From State *Improvements in Student Achievement Seen Over Five Years*

In a press conference last month, Norwalk Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Marks announced evidence that the District's strategies to improve reading, numeracy and community outreach are working. Presenting a report by the Connecticut State Department of Education on the District's Improvement Plan, Dr. Marks pointed out that over the past five years there have been gains in the number of students who are reading at the proficiency level or above, closing the gap between blacks, whites and Hispanic students in all grades. Similarly in math, key subgroups of students such as blacks, Hispanics and the economically disadvantaged have shown gains performing at or above the proficiency level.



Our Mission

The Norwalk Education Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization. Its mission is to enhance the understanding, support and advocacy for educational improvements that sustain and drive student achievement for all of Norwalk's children.

Norwalk Board Of Education Debates

Join us as the candidates for the Board of Education and Common Council debate the issues!

October 24, 2011

District C: 7-9pm,
City Hall Council
Chambers

October 26, 2011

District D: 7-9pm,
City Hall Council
Chambers

November 2, 2011

District E: 7-9pm,
Roton Middle School
Auditorium

November 3, 2011

District A: 7-9pm,
Norwalk Public Library,
Belden Avenue

Other Debates:

Other areas of progress cited by the report include efforts to improve the school/ family/community partnership, and data monitoring and assessment. State walk-throughs were conducted at each school to see if the school had a welcoming and calm atmosphere for effective student learning. The report noted that the District is working diligently to put more effective communications in place between the schools, the district and the community. The report also stated that the District Data team is doing an "exemplary job" supporting the data teams at the individual school level. This data is used to make decisions on ways to improve student instruction.

Read the Connecticut State Report on the Norwalk Public School's District Improvement Report. [Click here](#)

Support NEF

A donation to NEF is an investment in Norwalk's future - helping to bring quality education to 11,000 public school students. More than 85% of donations to NEF go directly to improving teachers' skills, providing targeted learning programs and promoting classroom innovation.



Other Debates:

October, 27, 2011

Mayoral Forum, 7-9 pm,
City Hall Community Room

October 20, 2011

Common Council At-Large
Forum: 7-9 pm,
City Hall Community Room

American Teacher: Film and Panel Discussion

Coming in November

The film, American Teacher, weaves interviews of policy experts and startling facts with the lives and careers of four teachers, telling the story of those closest to the issues in our educational system - the 3.2 million teachers who spend every day in classrooms across the country. NEF will co-sponsor the event to be held at the South Norwalk Library

[Click here to learn more about the movie.](#)

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