### Connecticut State Department of Education

### DISTRICT PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2016–17



### East Hampton School District

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#### **District Information**

| Grade Range                         | PK-12        |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Number of Schools/Programs          | 5            |
| Enrollment                          | 1,876        |
| Per Pupil Expenditures <sup>1</sup> | \$15,020     |
| Total Expenditures <sup>1</sup>     | \$30,009,492 |

<sup>1</sup>Expenditure data reflect the 2015-16 year.



### **Community Information**

<u>CERC Town Profiles</u> provide summary demographic and economic information for Connecticut's municipalities

### **Related Reports/Publications**

CT Reports (CMT/CAPT)

Special Education Annual Performance Reports
SAT®, AP®, PSAT® Report by High School (Class of 2017)
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#### **Notes**

Unless otherwise noted, all data are for 2016-17 and include all grades offered by the district.

In most tables, data are displayed only for the three major race/ethnicity categories. For additional race/ethnicity categories, please visit <a href="edsight.ct.gov">edsight.ct.gov</a>.

State totals are not displayed as they are not comparable to district totals.

Special Education tables reflect only students for whom the district is fiscally responsible.

\* When an asterisk is displayed, data have been suppressed to ensure student confidentiality. N/A is displayed when a category is not applicable for a district or school.

### **Students**

| October 1, 2016 Enrollment       |       |                         |                         |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
|                                  |       | District                | State                   |  |  |
|                                  | Count | Percent of Total<br>(%) | Percent of Total<br>(%) |  |  |
| Female                           | 920   | 49.0                    | 48.4                    |  |  |
| Male                             | 956   | 51.0                    | 51.6                    |  |  |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | *     | *                       | 0.3                     |  |  |
| Asian                            | 29    | 1.5                     | 5.1                     |  |  |
| Black or African American        | 15    | 0.8                     | 12.9                    |  |  |
| Hispanic or Latino               | 87    | 4.6                     | 24.0                    |  |  |
| Pacific Islander                 | *     | *                       | 0.1                     |  |  |
| Two or More Races                | 51    | 2.7                     | 2.9                     |  |  |
| White                            | 1,691 | 90.1                    | 54.8                    |  |  |
| English Learners                 | 8     | 0.4                     | 6.8                     |  |  |

<sup>1</sup>Students in this category are students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) only. This category does not include students with Section 504 Plans.

244

196

13.0

10.4

35.9

14.3

### **Chronic Absenteeism and Suspension/Expulsion**

|  | Chronic                  |          | Suspe | nsion/             |
|--|--------------------------|----------|-------|--------------------|
|  | Absenteeism <sup>2</sup> |          | Expu  | lsion <sup>3</sup> |
|  | Count                    | Rate (%) | Count | Rate (%)           |
| Female                                   | 71                       | 7.8      | *     | *                  |
| Male                                     | 72                       | 7.8      | *     | *                  |
| Black or African American                | *                        | *        | *     | *                  |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | 9                        | 10.7     | *     | *                  |
| White                                    | 123                      | 7.5      | 49    | 2.9                |
| English Learners                         | 0                        | *        | 0     | *                  |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 48                       | 21.8     | 23    | 8.6                |
| Students with Disabilities               | 27                       | 14.5     | 20    | 8.6                |
| District                                 | 143                      | 7.8      | 59    | 3.1                |
| State                                    |                          | 9.9      |       | 6.7                |

Number of students in 2015-16 qualified as truant under state statute:  $\,69\,$ 

Number of school-based arrests: 0

Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals

Students with Disabilities<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>A student is chronically absent if he/she misses ten percent or greater of the total number of days enrolled in the school year for any reason. Pre-Kindergarten students are excluded from this calculation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The count and percentage of students who receive at least one in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

### **Educators**

### Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)1 Staff

|  | FTE   |
|--|-------|
| General Education  |       |
| Teachers and Instructors                                 | 122.2 |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants                | 11.0  |
| Special Education  |       |
| Teachers and Instructors                                 | 22.1  |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants                | 45.9  |
| Administrators, Coordinators and Department Chairs       |       |
| District Central Office                                  | 2.4   |
| School Level   | 7.0   |
| Library/Media  |       |
| Specialists (Certified)                                  | 3.0   |
| Support Staff  | 2.0   |
| Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers           | 5.0   |
| Counselors, Social Workers and School Psychologists      | 11.0  |
| School Nurses  | 4.0   |
| Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services/Support | 70.5  |

<sup>1</sup>In the full-time equivalent count, staff members working part-time in the school are counted as a fraction of full-time. For example, a teacher who works half-time in a school contributes 0.50 to the school's staff count.

### **Educators by Race/Ethnicity**

|                                     |       | District                | State                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                     | Count | Percent of Total<br>(%) | Percent of Total<br>(%) |
| American Indian or<br>Alaska Native | 0     | 0.0                     | 0.1                     |
| Asian                               | 1     | 0.6                     | 1.0                     |
| Black or African<br>American        | 0     | 0.0                     | 3.6                     |
| Hispanic or Latino                  | 2     | 1.1                     | 3.6                     |
| Pacific Islander                    | 0     | 0.0                     | 0.0                     |
| Two or More Races                   | 0     | 0.0                     | 0.1                     |
| White                               | 173   | 98.3                    | 91.4                    |

#### Classroom Teacher Attendance: 2015-16

|   | District | State |
|---|----------|-------|
| Average Number of FTE Days Absent Due to Illness or Personal Time | 5.8      | 9.6   |

### **Instruction and Resources**

## 11th and 12th Graders Enrolled in College-and-Career-Readiness Courses during High School<sup>3</sup>

|  | 11th  |          | 12th  |          |
|--|-------|----------|-------|----------|
|  | Count | Rate (%) | Count | Rate (%) |
| Black or African American                | 0     | 0.0      | *     | *        |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | *     | *        | *     | *        |
| White                                    | 48    | 48.5     | 69    | 57.5     |
| English Learners                         | N/A   | N/A      | N/A   | N/A      |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 8     | *        | 10    | *        |
| Students with Disabilities               | *     | *        | 7     | *        |
| District                                 | 52    | 47.7     | 77    | 57.0     |
| State                                    |       | 63.6     |       | 77.5     |

<sup>3</sup>College-and-Career-Readiness Courses include Advanced Placement®(AP), International Baccalaureate®(IB), Career and Technical Education(CTE), workplace experience and dual enrollment courses.

## Students with Disabilities Who Spend 79.1 to 100 Percent of Time with Nondisabled Peers<sup>4</sup>

|                            | Count | Rate (%) |
|----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Autism                     | *     | *        |
| Emotional Disturbance      | *     | *        |
| Intellectual Disability    | 0     | 0        |
| Learning Disability        | 48    | 90.6     |
| Other Health Impairment    | 25    | 78.1     |
| Other Disabilities         | 0     | 0        |
| Speech/Language Impairment | 32    | 86.5     |
| District                   | 134   | 77.5     |
| State                      |       | 68.2     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Ages 6-21

### Students with Disabilities by Primary Disability<sup>1</sup>

|                               | Dis   | State    |          |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
|                               | Count | Rate (%) | Rate (%) |
| Autism                        | 42    | 2.2      | 1.7      |
| Emotional Disturbance         | *     | *        | 1.0      |
| Intellectual Disability       | *     | *        | 0.5      |
| Learning Disability           | 53    | 2.7      | 4.9      |
| Other Health Impairment       | 34    | 1.8      | 2.9      |
| Other Disabilities            | 9     | 0.5      | 1.1      |
| Speech/Language<br>Impairment | 41    | 2.1      | 1.8      |
| All Disabilities              | 189   | 9.8      | 13.9     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Grades K-12

### Overall Expenditures: 2015-16

|   |                 | Per Pupil     |            |
|---|-----------------|---------------|------------|
|   | Total (\$)      | District (\$) | State (\$) |
| Instructional Staff and Services                          | 18,482,628      | 9,790         | 9,663      |
| Instructional Supplies and Equipment                      | 718,541         | 381           | 321        |
| Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services | 712,760         | 378           | 578        |
| Student Support Services                                  | 1,710,340       | 906           | 1,103      |
| Administration and Support Services                       | 3,445,490       | 1,825         | 1,861      |
| Plant Operation and Maintenance                           | 2,252,714       | 1,193         | 1,637      |
| Transportation  | 1,378,028       | 648           | 877        |
| Costs of Students Tuitioned Out                           | 1,292,229       | N/A           | N/A        |
| Other   | 16,762          | 9             | 201        |
| Total   | 30,009,492      | 15,020        | 16,236     |
| Additiona   | al Expenditures |               |            |
| Land, Buildings, and Debt Service                         | 10,588,761      | 5,608         | 1,749      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Expenditures may be supported by local tax revenues, state grants, federal grants, municipal in-kind services, tuition and other sources.

### **Special Education Expenditures: 2015-16**

|                            | Dist       | State                   |                         |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                            | Total (\$) | Percent of<br>Total (%) | Percent of<br>Total (%) |
| Certified Personnel        | 2,834,578  | 39.1                    | 34.6                    |
| Noncertified Personnel     | 1,151,676  | 15.9                    | 14.6                    |
| Purchased Services         | 800,903    | 11.0                    | 5.8                     |
| Tuition to Other Schools   | 973,742    | 13.4                    | 21.8                    |
| Special Ed. Transportation | 510,870    | 7.0                     | 8.5                     |
| Other Expenditures         | 982,954    | 13.5                    | 14.7                    |
| Total Expenditures         | 7,254,723  | 100.0                   | 100.0                   |

## Expenditures by Revenue Source:<sup>4</sup> 2015-16

|                 | Percent of Total (%) |              |  |  |  |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
|                 | Including Excluding  |              |  |  |  |
|                 | School School        |              |  |  |  |
|                 | Construction         | Construction |  |  |  |
| Local           | 51.9                 | 70.2         |  |  |  |
| State           | 46.7                 | 28.0         |  |  |  |
| Federal         | 1.3                  | 1.8          |  |  |  |
| Tuition & Other | 0.1                  | 0.1          |  |  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Revenue sources do not include state-funded Teachers' Retirement Board contributions, vocational-technical school operations, SDE budgeted costs for salaries and leadership activities and other state-funded school districts (e.g., Dept. of Children and Families and Dept. of Correction).

### Performance and Accountability

### **District Performance Index (DPI)**

A District Performance Index (DPI) is the average performance of students in a subject area (i.e., ELA, Mathematics or Science) on the state summative assessments. The DPI ranges from 0-100. A DPI is reported for all students tested in a district and for students in each individual student group. Connecticut's ultimate target for a DPI is 75.

|  | English Language Arts(ELA) |      | Mat   | h    | Science |      |
|--|----------------------------|------|-------|------|---------|------|
|  | Count                      | DPI  | Count | DPI  | Count   | DPI  |
| American Indian or Alaska Native             | 0                          | N/A  | 0     | N/A  | *       | *    |
| Asian  | 10                         | *    | 10    | *    | 8       | *    |
| Black or African American                    | 7                          | *    | 7     | *    | *       | *    |
| Hispanic or Latino                           | 47                         | 64.1 | 47    | 55.3 | 17      | *    |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander    | *                          | *    | *     | *    | *       | *    |
| Two or More Races                            | 24                         | 70.8 | 24    | 65.4 | *       | *    |
| White  | 880                        | 72.2 | 880   | 65.5 | 385     | 62.0 |
| English Learners                             | 17                         | *    | 17    | *    | *       | *    |
| Non-English Learners                         | 953                        | 71.7 | 953   | 64.8 | 413     | 61.6 |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals     | 132                        | 60.6 | 132   | 54.5 | 47      | 54.6 |
| Not Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 838                        | 73.4 | 838   | 66.5 | 371     | 62.3 |
| Students with Disabilities                   | 86                         | 51.9 | 86    | 44.0 | 30      | 44.0 |
| Students without Disabilities                | 884                        | 73.6 | 884   | 66.9 | 388     | 62.8 |
| High Needs                                   | 208                        | 59.5 | 208   | 52.6 | 72      | 52.5 |
| Non-High Needs                               | 762                        | 75.0 | 762   | 68.2 | 346     | 63.3 |
| District                                     | 970                        | 71.7 | 970   | 64.9 | 418     | 61.5 |

## National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP): Percent At or Above Proficient<sup>1</sup>

|                 | NAEP    | NAEP 2013 |          |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| READING         | Grade 4 | Grade 8   | Grade 12 |
| Connecticut     | 43%     | 43%       | 50%      |
| National Public | 35%     | 33%       | 36%      |
| MATH            | Grade 4 | Grade 8   | Grade 12 |
| Connecticut     | 41%     | 36%       | 32%      |
| National Public | 39%     | 32%       | 25%      |

<sup>1</sup>NAEP is often called the "Nation's Report Card." It is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. This table compares Connecticut's performance to that of national public school students. Performance standards for state assessments and NAEP are set independently. Therefore, one should not expect performance results to be the same across Smarter Balanced and NAEP. Instead, NAEP results are meant to complement other state assessment data. To view student subgroup performance on NAEP, click here.

### Physical Fitness Tests: Students Reaching Health Standard<sup>2</sup>

|                      | Percent of Students by Grade <sup>3</sup> (%) |      |      |      | All Teste | ed Grades |
|----------------------|---|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|
|                      | 4   | 6    | 8    | 10   | Count     | Rate (%)  |
| Sit & Reach          | 95.6  | 86.1 | 71.0 | 71.6 | 501       | 82.6      |
| Curl Up              | 38.1  | 74.6 | 75.6 | 83.0 | 501       | 64.7      |
| Push Up              | 74.4  | 78.7 | 75.6 | 78.4 | 501       | 76.4      |
| Mile Run/PACER       | 58.8  | 78.7 | 67.9 | 60.2 | 501       | 66.3      |
| All Tests - District | 28.8  | 48.4 | 48.1 | 48.9 | 501       | 42.1      |
| All Tests - State    | 52.8  | 51.4 | 51.4 | 50.6 |           | 51.6      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessment (CPFA) is administered to all students in Grades 4, 6, 8 and 10. The health-related fitness scores gathered through the CPFA should be used to educate and motivate children and their families to increase physical activity and develop lifetime fitness habits.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Only students assessed in all four areas are included in this calculation.

Cohort Graduation: Four-Year<sup>1</sup>

|  | 2015-16                   |          |  |
|--|---------------------------|----------|--|
|  | Cohort Count <sup>2</sup> | Rate (%) |  |
| Black or African American                | *                         | *        |  |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | *                         | *        |  |
| English Learners                         | *                         | *        |  |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 25                        | 88.0     |  |
| Students with Disabilities               | *                         | *        |  |
| District                                 | 151                       | 94.7     |  |
| State                                    |                           | 87.4     |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The four-year cohort graduation rate represents the percentage of first-time 9th graders who earn a standard high school diploma within four years.

## 11th and 12th Graders Meeting Benchmark on at Least One College Readiness Exam<sup>5</sup>

|   | Participation <sup>6</sup> | Meeting B | senchmark |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|   | Rate (%)                   | Count     | Rate (%)  |
| Female                                      | 99.2                       | 74        | 59.7      |
| Male  | 98.3                       | 54        | 45.0      |
| Black or African American                   | *                          | 0         | *         |
| Hispanic or Latino                          | *                          | *         | *         |
| White                                       | 98.6                       | 120       | 54.8      |
| English Learners                            | N/A                        | N/A       | N/A       |
| Eligible for Free or<br>Reduced-Price Meals | 97.1                       | 13        | 38.2      |
| Students with Disabilities                  | 87.0                       | 0         | 0.0       |
| District                                    | 98.8                       | 128       | 52.5      |
| State                                       | 96.1                       |           | 43.5      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>College readiness exams and benchmark scores are as follows:

- SAT® meets benchmark score on SAT, Revised SAT or Connecticut School Day SAT
- ACT® meets benchmark score on 3 of 4 exams (benchmark score varies by subject)
- AP® 3 or higher on any one AP® exam
- IB® 4 or higher on any one IB® exam
- Smarter Balanced Level 3 or higher on both ELA and math

<sup>4</sup>Participation Rate equals the number of test-takers in 11th and 12th grade divided by the number of students enrolled in those grades, as a percent. Sources:

SAT® and AP® statistics derived from data provided by the College Board.

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### **College Entrance and Persistence**

|   | Class of 2016         | Class of 2015            |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Entrance <sup>7</sup> | Persistence <sup>8</sup> |
|   | Rate (%)              | Rate (%)                 |
| Female                                      | 85.2                  | 93.1                     |
| Male  | 67.2                  | 91.7                     |
| Black or African American                   | N/A                   | N/A                      |
| Hispanic or Latino                          | *                     | *                        |
| White                                       | 77.6                  | 91.8                     |
| English Learners                            | N/A                   | N/A                      |
| Eligible for Free or<br>Reduced-Price Meals | 52.0                  | *                        |
| Students with Disabilities                  | *                     | *                        |
| District                                    | 77.0                  | 92.6                     |
| State                                       | 72.0                  | 88.5                     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>College entrance refers to the percent of high school graduates from the year who enrolled in college any time during the first year after high school.

Source: National Student Clearinghouse

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Cohort count includes all students in the cohort as of the end of the 2015-16 school year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>College persistence refers to the percent of students who enrolled in college the first year after high school and returned for a second year (Freshman to Sophomore persistence).

#### **Next Generation Accountability Results**

Connecticut's Next Generation Accountability System is a broad set of 12 indicators that help tell the story of how well a district/school is preparing its students for success in college, careers, and life. It moves beyond test scores and graduation rates to provide a more holistic, multifactor perspective of district and school performance.

| Indi                        | cator                     | Index/Rate    | Target | Points<br>Earned | Max<br>Points | % Points<br>Earned | State Average<br>Index/Rate |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| ELA Performance Index       | All Students              | 71.7          | 75     | 47.8             | 50            | 95.5               | 67.1                        |
| ELA Performance index       | High Needs Students       | 59.5          | 75     | 39.7             | 50            | 79.3               | 55.9                        |
| Math Performance Index      | All Students              | 64.9          | 75     | 43.2             | 50            | 86.5               | 62.2                        |
| Math Performance muex       | High Needs Students       | 52.6          | 75     | 35.1             | 50            | 70.1               | 50.5                        |
| Science Performance         | All Students              | 61.5          | 75     | 41.0             | 50            | 81.9               | 55.3                        |
| Science Performance         | High Needs Students       | 52.5          | 75     | 35.0             | 50            | 70.0               | 45.2                        |
| ELA Academic Growth         | All Students              | 60.7%         | 100%   | 60.7             | 100           | 60.7               | 55.4%                       |
| ELA ACAGEMIC GIOWIN         | High Needs Students       | 47.6%         | 100%   | 47.6             | 100           | 47.6               | 49.8%                       |
| Math Academic Growth        | All Students              | 64.0%         | 100%   | 64.0             | 100           | 64.0               | 61.7%                       |
| Math Academic Growth        | High Needs Students       | 51.5%         | 100%   | 51.5             | 100           | 51.5               | 53.7%                       |
| Chronic Absenteeism         | All Students              | 7.8%          | <=5%   | 44.4             | 50            | 88.7               | 9.9%                        |
| Chronic Absenteeism         | High Needs Students       | 17.7%         | <=5%   | 24.6             | 50            | 49.3               | 15.8%                       |
| Dranavation for CCD         | % Taking Courses          | 52.9%         | 75%    | 35.2             | 50            | 70.5               | 70.7%                       |
| Preparation for CCR         | % Passing Exams           | 52.5%         | 75%    | 35.0             | 50            | 69.9               | 43.5%                       |
| On-track to High School G   | raduation                 | 99.2%         | 94%    | 50.0             | 50            | 100.0              | 87.8%                       |
| 4-year Graduation All Stud  | dents (2016 Cohort)       | 94.7%         | 94%    | 100.0            | 100           | 100.0              | 87.4%                       |
| 6-year Graduation - High N  | Needs Students (2014      | 90.0%         | 94%    | 95.7             | 100           | 95.7               | 82.0%                       |
| Postsecondary Entrance (0   | Class of 2016)            | 77.0%         | 75%    | 100.0            | 100           | 100.0              | 72.0%                       |
| Physical Fitness (estimated | d part rate) and (fitness | 88.4%   42.1% | 75%    | 14.0             | 50            | 28.1               | 92.0%   51.6%               |
| Arts Access                 |                           | 41.5%         | 60%    | 34.6             | 50            | 69.2               | 50.5%                       |
| Accountability Index        |                           |               |        | 999.1            | 1350          | 74.0               |                             |

| Gap Indicators                | Non-High Needs Rate <sup>1</sup> | High Needs Rate | Size of Gap | State Gap Mean +1 Stdev <sup>2</sup> | Is Gap an Outlier? <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Achievement Gap Size Outlier? |                                  |                 |             |                                      | N                               |
| ELA Performance Index Gap     | 75.0                             | 59.5            | 15.5        | 16.7                                 |                                 |
| Math Performance Index Gap    | 68.2                             | 52.6            | 15.6        | 18.7                                 |                                 |
| Science Performance Index Gap | 63.3                             | 52.5            | 10.8        | 16.6                                 |                                 |
| Graduation Rate Gap           | 94.0%                            | 90.0%           | 4.0%        | 12.0%                                | N                               |

<sup>1</sup> If the Non-High Needs Rate exceeds the ultimate target (75 for Performance Index and 94% for graduation rate), the ultimate target is used for gap calculations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>If the size of the gap exceeds the state mean gap plus one standard deviation, the gap is an outlier.

| Sul     | oject/Subgroup      | Participation Rate (%) <sup>3</sup> |                                |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ELA     | All Students        | 97.0                                | <sup>3</sup> Minimum           |
| ELA     | High Needs Students | 96.4                                | participation standard is 95%. |
| Math    | All Students        | 97.1                                |                                |
| IVIALII | High Needs Students | 96.4                                |                                |
| Science | All Students        | 99.5                                |                                |
| Science | High Needs Students | 100.0                               |                                |

## Connecticut's State Identified Measurable Goal for Children with Disabilities (SIMR)

Increase the reading performance of all 3rd grade students with disabilities statewide, as measured by Connecticut's English Language Arts (ELA) Performance Index.

Grade 3 ELA Performance Index for Students with Disabilities:

District: \* State: 50.2

#### **Supporting Resources**

Two-page FAQ

**Detailed Presentation** 

Using Accountability Results to Guide Improvement: comprehensive documentation and supports

### **Narratives**

### **School District Improvement Plans and Parental Outreach Activities**

In 2016, the district developed a vision for the future, East Hampton 2025, which includes critical student outcomes focused on high academic standards, the acquisition of 21st Century skills, and character development. The vision had broad input in its development from the teaching staff, students, parents, and the community-at-large. The East Hampton Board of Education annually develops an ambitious set of district goals for the improvement of its instructional programs and operations based on this vision. The process to develop goals includes a review of previous goals by the administration and includes opportunities for parents to offer input as to suggestions for improvement each spring for the following year. Each of the school's building goals are founded on the district goals and are communicated to parents in presentations at Board meetings and the monthly Superintendent's Advisory Council meetings. In addition, the district has an ambitious strategic plan based on East Hampton 2025 and programming and budget decisions are key in its implementation. District initiatives and communication on their progress are widely distributed through regular newsletters, the school's new website, and social media. They are also shared and discussed with parents and the community at the monthly Superintendent's Advisory Council meetings. Communicating with parents and the community is one of the highest priorities of the schools and the Superintendent of Schools prepares a weekly update that is forwarded to the entire school community including parents. The schools provide a weekly digital folder of relevant school and community information. Each school has an active parents' organization and active booster groups have provided funding during budget shortfalls for extracurricular programming. The Superintendent of Schools has regular "Coffee and Chat" mornings for informal visits by parents and community members. The Director of Curriculum is key in instructional progress, coordinating all improvement efforts among the district's four schools ensuring coherence among all schools. This practice is confirmed by district learning walks in which administrators and faculty members view instructional practices in all classrooms throughout the district. In addition, software resources including MyON reading and links to educational sites are shared with parents to promote a strong home connection with learning activities that appropriately support school initiatives.

### Efforts to Reduce Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation

Students participate in various regional, state, and national activities designed to connect students of all cultures and interests in music, drama, student council, and athletics. Tremendous efforts are made to connect students at every grade level with educational opportunities within the state and out of state. The world language department sponsors trips abroad that expose students to various European cities and cultures. The music department participates in state festivals, New England festivals, and national festivals that provide students a rich opportunity to meet and work with students from diverse populations. The high school welcomes international exchange students each year. Each school continues to integrate multi-cultural strands into its curriculum and invites guest authors, musicians, and performers on a regular basis. Middle school students extend their understanding of diversity by participating in a two week Inter-district Magnet Summer School program which continues to draw a large number of students from a variety of towns and cities in Connecticut. Teachers at each school are sensitive and aware of the importance of using daily curriculum to promote broadening understandings and the increased use of technology to present students with a global view. Clubs and activities at the high school including the Interact Club, the Senior Capstone Project, and regular community service opportunities are designed to connect students to programs, internships, and service outside of the community. In addition, the school district has established a relationship with the Shandong Provincial Education Department in the Jinan Province of China and each school in the district has hosted several school leaders and teachers from China who have visited classrooms and interviewed students. In the summer of 2018, students, teachers, parents, and community members will travel to China to enhance the connection between our two countries.

### **Equitable Allocation of Resources among District Schools**

The budget development and management process in the East Hampton Public Schools helps to ensure that there is an equitable allocation of resources among district schools. As the school district has incorporated 1-to-1 technology at the Middle School and High School, the effort has been made to begin 1-to1 technology on carts available to all students in Grades PK-5. Annual staffing proposals are developed by administration and approved by the Superintendent of Schools. They include adjustments based on enrollments or special needs. The Board of Education welcomes budgeting suggestions from staff, parents, and the community at fall meetings, public hearings, and informal meetings such as the monthly Superintendent's Advisory Council. A great deal of attention is paid to communicating new and existing programs in the budget to the public to make sure there is complete transparency. With four schools all with different grade levels (PK-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12), equitable distribution of our limited resources is a high priority.