



August 23, 2024

Greetings Ellington Family!

Thursday, August 29th is the first day of the 2024-2025 school year! Conditions are present for all students to seize the opportunity for a challenging and rewarding experience. Look for a Superintendent Welcome Back message this coming Tuesday.

As a follow up to the WFSB spot with Susan Raff entitled, "[Presidential Election 2024: Moving Away From Personalities & Toward Policy Driven Politics](#)", the Ellington Public Schools will continue the tradition of being pro-active by teaching-in to challenging societal issues. This is a hallmark of Ellington staff as we transparently tend to our trusting relationship with parents.

Although debating controversial topics is difficult, Americans have always cherished the tradition of civil political debate. Students must be allowed to form their own opinions and defend them. They should never feel the need to hide their evidence-based reasoning or adopt 'group think' for fear of cancel culture or other mistreatments.

[Education in Ellington Presents: Presidential Election 2024-Prioritizing Civil Discourse](#)

For more details on this elementary, middle and high school Ellington initiative visit our [web page](#). Please note that as September and October unfolds, this [web page](#) will be regularly updated with detailed information, including lesson plans.

Enjoy the last weekend of summer break.

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Superintendent of Schools