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Ellington Recognized for Financial Excellence (*Spirit of Full Disclosure*) for Third Consecutive Year

Four Superlative Professionals from Town and School District Lead the Way
Continuing the Reputation of Transparency for Trust

Ellington, CT - For the third year in a row, the Town of Ellington has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The award is made by the Government Finance Officers Association of America and Canada (GFOA). The award recognizes the Town's annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The financial report was judged by an impartial panel and found to meet the high standards of the reporting program. Such standards include the need to demonstrate a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate the town's financial story.

The annual financial report was prepared under the leadership of the town's Director of Finance, Tiffany Pignataro, and Assistant Director, Felicia LaPlante in collaboration with the Board of Education's Director of Finance and Operations, Alisha Carpino, and Stephanie Veturis, Board of Education Accounting Coordinator.

First Selectman Lori Spielman said, *"It doesn't surprise me. Tiffany, Felicia, Stephanie, and Alisha are so good at what they do. Government finance is pretty complicated. There is so much reporting and tracking that has to be done, not to mention the day-to-day responsibilities for paying the bills and the employees."* Spielman added, *"As a relatively small town, we don't have very many employees. We are so lucky to have a top-rated finance department both for the town and the schools."*



Ellington Town & School District Finance Team

"This is the result of four talented individuals and their staff working together for the betterment of our town and school district. We are fortunate in Ellington to have such a strong collaborative effort between the schools and the town. As Chair of the Ellington Board of Education, it is an honor to work with this group."

-Jennifer Dzen, Chair of the Ellington Board of Education