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Dear Ellington Family,

The recent story coming out of Greenwich Public Schools reported by [Project Veritas](#), and recapped by the [CT Mirror](#), has understandably caused great concern for many leaders and especially parents throughout the State. A hidden camera [video](#) purportedly captured an assistant principal at Cos Cob Elementary School bragging about his hiring practices that discriminate against conservatives, Catholics, and older educators.

The statements and sentiments included in the Project Veritas story go against our ethics and morals as Ellington educators as we serve the Ellington Family.

As you are aware, the Ellington Public Schools' (EPS) theme for the 2022-2023 school year is *Transparency for Trust: A Common Sense Approach*. This was communicated in my [back to school letter](#) and emphasized in this [WFSB Channel 3 interview](#).

The overall message to our parents is simple. It is incumbent for EPS educators, including the Superintendent, to be deliberate and explicit in strengthening our partnership with parents with trust as our foundation. I can proudly state that Ellington educators have and will continue to grow our trusting relationships with parents by honoring and respecting the way they have chosen to raise their children.

Our deliberate focus on transparency this year does not mean it was absent from our practices in the past. In October 2020, prior to the last Presidential election, EPS developed a [video](#) entitled, "Teaching & Learning about Controversial Issues." In that video former Ellington Board of Education student representative Ayushman Choudhury stated, *"It's important that us as a student body be exposed to these controversial issues in the classroom setting. Our teachers do a great job of introducing and explaining these topics in a non-partisan and neutral way."*

To be sure, the Ellington Public Schools is an equal opportunity employer who consistently emphasizes to new hires and current employees that we are in service to the students and their parents and that the trust we build is grounded in our [Seeds of Civility](#).

As we lift each other up, with sincere peace and love to you all.

Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools