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Ellington Superintendent Dr. Scott Nicol Attends Community Forum Focusing on the State of the School District

Parent and Local Church Leader Brent Walder Facilitates Question & Answer Session

ELLINGTON, CT – On Monday, February 5th, Ellington Superintendent of Schools Dr. Scott Nicol accepted an invitation to attend a community forum held at the Longview Fellowship Center in Ellington. The event was hosted by Ellington Board of Education members Steve Viens and Angela Moser with Board Chair Jennifer Dzen and Board Member Marcia Kupferschmid in attendance.

Parent and Apostolic Christian Church Leader, Brent Walder, facilitated a question and answer session with Dr. Nicol. Mr. Walder had a clear message to audience members that their faith-based organization aims to be a productive partner with all Ellington residents to support the school district.

With approximately one hundred in attendance, the event focused on the state of the school district. The intent was for this event to be a model for other Ellington organizations—faith-based or otherwise (i.e. - YMCA, Lion's Club)—for the Superintendent to engage with.

[Superintendent Nicol Addresses the Positive Role Organizations Can Play in the School District](#)

Dr. Nicol provided a foundation for the session by reviewing the school district's [Seeds of Civility](#) and [Ellington Unplugged](#) initiatives. He touched on a wide variety of topics such as parental rights and involvement, the use of technology in the lower grades, recruiting and retaining quality teachers, social and emotional learning, books in the library and classroom, and bathrooms as a safe space for all.



Dr. Nicol remarked, *"It is the role of the Superintendent to interact with all stakeholders wishing to learn more about the school district. Undoubtedly, the Apostolic Christian Church is one of many organizations in the Town of Ellington that is a positive force. It is my hope, and that of the Board of Education, that other organizations hold similar events so that we may partner for the betterment of all Ellington students."*

If you are interested in hosting an event with Dr. Nicol please contact Ms. Tracey Deptula at tdeptula@ellingtonschools.net.
