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2022-23 Teacher of the Year

Amber Venoutsos – Teacher of the Year

Enfield Public Schools is pleased to announce that Amber Venoutsos has been selected as the 2022-23 Enfield Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Venoutsos is a second-grade teacher at Hazardville Memorial School. Because of this distinction, she will represent Enfield at the state level in the Connecticut Teacher of the Year Process.

Mrs. Venoutsos was nominated by 4 fellow colleagues at Hazardville Memorial: Kelly Rossetti, Barbara Hallak, Melissa Killmer and April Smith. She is known for her commitment to the Hazardville Memorial community, and the positive relationships she builds with students and families. During the selection process, the Teacher of the Year Committee recognized Mrs. Venoutsos' leadership in the creation of *PAWS Time*, a school-wide community building initiative for all K-2 students at Hazardville Memorial. This year, Mrs. Venoutsos has expanded aspects of the program to include students at sister-school Eli Whitney and Stowe Early Learning Center as well.

Mrs. Venoutsos is skilled at creating unique, hands-on learning opportunities for her second graders. She has supported her work in the classroom by writing Grade 2 science curriculum and participating in planning for the LEGO Building Tomorrow Project. Mrs. Venoutsos is a TEAM Mentor for new teachers and serves on Hazardville Memorial's PBIS Team. Mrs. Venoutsos organized a fundraiser at Hazardville Memorial and Eli Whitney called "Spare Change for Superheroes" to support Connecticut Children's Hospital and has worked with her school's Beautification Committee on a student-created rock garden project.

Mrs. Venoutsos is completing her 15th year teaching in Enfield. She received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Connecticut's Neag School of Education, and an additional Master of Arts in Elementary Reading and Literacy from Walden University.

We are thrilled to share this honor with you and wish Amber the best in her future pursuit at the state level.