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Littleton Middle School Retains Spotlight School Status



LITTLETON -- Superintendent Kelly R. Clenchy and Principal Cheryl Temple are pleased to announce that Littleton Middle School has once again been named a Spotlight School by the New England League of Middle Schools.

By having its spotlight status renewed for another three years, Littleton Middle School is one of just six middle schools in Massachusetts to earn the prestigious honor.

In retaining its spotlight status, Littleton Middle School demonstrated during a recent visit by NELMS evaluators that it continues to evolve in its commitment to effective instruction, collaboration and a solid understanding of the students it serves.

Spotlight Schools are recognized for developing programs that place a direct emphasis on the specialized needs of young adolescent learners, with a 21st century curriculum, modernized student assessment and classroom instruction.

NELMS identified several Littleton Middle School programs in renewing its spotlight status, including effective teaching teams and a strong wellness program, a schedule that supports effective time management for students and the school's new innovative Maker Space. The review team also commended Littleton Middle School's energetic

and effective administrative team, supportive community and central office and engaged parents.

The school additionally earned recognition due to its integration of technology, the central office's level of engagement -- as well as that of parents and the community -- and a deep focus on social emotional learning.

"Our whole school community is extremely engaged with one another, and that's visible in the way our students and faculty interact and work so closely with one another every day," Principal Temple said. "The support we have from all of our stakeholders, coupled with the thoughtful lessons that teachers put together for our students is what makes our success possible, and I'm so grateful for everyone's commitment to maintaining such a positive and productive learning environment."

The school was evaluated last month by a team consisting of NELMS Coordinator of Assessment Programs Bill Downey, Hudson Middle School Principal Jason Webster and NELMS Executive Director Jeff Rodman. The group spent their day at Littleton Middle School taking part in classroom visits, student and parent panel discussions, a campus tour, interviews with students and a visit with Superintendent Clenchy.

"This recognition is a direct reflection of how invested our entire middle school community is, inclusive of students, staff, parents and administrators— who are committed to helping all students succeed," Superintendent Clenchy said.

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