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## **CAS Certifies Exemplary School Climate Practices**

The Middle Level Honors and Awards Committee of the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) is proud to announce that David Wooster Middle School has been granted **Exemplary School Climate** status.

According to the National Middle School Association's *This We Believe, Successful Schools for Young Adolescents*, "A successful school for young adolescents is an inviting, supportive, and safe place, a joyful community that promotes in-depth learning and enhances students' physical and emotional well-being."

The administration and faculty at the school completed a rigorous self-assessment examining 40 areas of school practice such as a safe and healthy environment, a welcoming atmosphere for students and visitors, shared decision making-making, and involvement of parents and the community in the life of the school. A team from CAS then visited the school to verify and validate the assessment.

Wooster Middle School will be receiving a CAS Certificate and a three-year exemplary practices designation. As a service to other schools wishing to improve their climate practices, award winners are linked to the CAS website [www.casciac.org](http://www.casciac.org) and welcome inquiries and visitors.

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