"In a global economy where the most valuable skill you can sell is your knowledge, a good education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity – it is a pre-requisite"



Barack Obama Address to Joint Session of Congress February 2009

Superintendent's Budget Presentation to the Legislative Council March 21, 2017

High Level Academics

Top Academic Honors



Exceptional Hamden High student named 2017 "Coca Cola Scholar" – the only CT student to win this honor in 2017.

As a "Coca Cola Scholar," she will receive a \$20,000 college scholarship.

Other CT finalists were from Fairfield Prep, Amity and Greenwich High.

Admittance to Top Colleges

Hamden High graduates continue to attend the nation's top colleges this year including: Yale, Princeton, University of Pennsylvania, Stanford, Johns Hopkins, UNC Chapel Hill, Cornell, Spellman, Georgetown, Naval Academy, Vassar, Wesleyan, Virginia Tech., UC Berkeley and UConn.

Hamden High graduates' college acceptance rates are comparable to those of students in a DRG C district (Hamden is a DRG G district).

Preparing for the Future: Career Pathways



From forensics to marketing, from baking to phlebotomy, from musical theater to engineering or computer science, Hamden offers students a wide range of courses to explore and begin their career pathways.



Athletic Opportunities

Hamden offers 28 varsity sports plus many other activities where students can stay active and learn to work collaboratively



Boys' Hockey wins SCC Championship

Girls' Hockey advanced to both the SCC and State Championship Tournaments





Boys' Track wins SCC Championship



HHS Dance Team won their 11th consecutive state championship.

Raising Good Citizens

Our Students Helping Others

6th grade students at Spring Glen inspired by reading Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park, have raised over \$3,000 to help save hundreds of thousands of people living in South Sudan by building water wells that save them from water prone illnesses.



For the last 5 years, Dunbar Hill has collected loose change to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Over the years we have been able to raise an average of \$1200 per year as a school. This year, we have raised \$1381.77 so far with one week to go!



DECA students helped raise funds for disabled veterans through their "Pledge 2 Pledge" initiative.

"I'm a very big believer in equal opportunity as opposed to equal outcome. Equal opportunity to me, more than anything means a great education."

Steve Jobs

Pathways to Opportunities

Hamden Schools provide a range of programming, services and activities to meet the needs of every student:

- Elementary Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program
- Accelerated Math Program
- 18 AP Courses
- Mental Health Supports (social workers, school psych)
- Latin, Spanish, Italian and Chinese Language Courses
- Early College Credit Program (UCONN)
- Career-Focused Courses
- Online Credit Recovery
- Alternative High School
- Alternative Middle School Team
- Special Education Programming*
- English Language Learners Programming*
- Scientific Research-Based Intervention*
- Columbia Writing Program
- Large Number of Interscholastic Sports and After-School Clubs & Activities

High Expectations for All Students

	Free/ Reduced		ELL		Spec. Ed.	
	# of students	% of students	# of students	% of students	# of students	% of students
Oct. 2007	1494	24%	75	1.2%	781	12%
Oct. 2016	2315	43%	309	5.9%	911	17%
Change	+821	+19%	+234	+4.7%	+130	+5%

In addition, the number of Hamden children receiving Medicaid through the Husky Program has increased 40%, over the past ten years from 2540 to 3539 children.

Budget Overview

	16/17 Budget	BOE Approved Budget	Mayor's Proposed Budget
LEA	\$84,008,995	\$86,035,530	\$78,739,775
Percentage Change		2.41%	-6.27%
Alliance	\$4,164,720	\$3,475,904	
Teach Pen.			-\$3,988,410
Sped Grant			\$13,627,678
Excess Cost	\$1,598,608	\$1,598,609	
Mayor's Additional Funds			\$682,391
Capital Funding			\$450,000
Total	\$89,772,323	\$91,110,043	\$89,511,434
Change		\$1,337,720 1.49%	-\$260,889 -0.29%

Mayor's proposed budget is \$1,598,609 less than the BOE approved budget

Unable to determine \$450,000 of eligible capital items

2017-18 Board of Education Budget

- To maintain all programs, services and staffing from the current year into 2017-18 requires a 3.8% increase.
- The Hamden BOE approved a 2.41% increase, which will mean the following staff reductions:
 - 8 teaching positions
 - 9 part-time tutors
 - 11 paraprofessional positions
 - 2 clerks
 - 1 custodian/maintenance
- An assumed \$688,000 Alliance Grant reduction includes the following additional staff reductions:
 - 3 teaching positions
 - 2 part-time tutors
 - 2 school climate advisors

Budget Impact

Board of Education Budget

Total Staffing Cuts - 38

- 11 Teaching Position
- 2 Clerks
- 11 Paraprofessionals
- 11 Tutors
- 2 School climate Advisors
- 1 Custodian

Budget Adjustments

- \$130,000 Instructional Supplies
- \$170,000 Textbooks
- \$160,000 Professional Development

Program Cuts

Elimination of All About Foods elective

Mayor's Proposed Budget

<u>Total Staffing Cuts – Additional 40</u> <u>Positions</u>

Anticipated Program Cuts

Eliminating Culinary Arts – HMS

Reducing AP offerings

Eliminating extended day programs

at our neediest schools

Reducing number of World

Languages offered

Increasing class sizes across the

district

Reducing course offerings in core

and elective areas

Eliminating TAG program

Reducing personnel necessary to

provide remedial supports

Restructuring middle school teams

