

For Immediate Release

CAS Certifies Positive School Climate Practices

The Middle Level Honors and Awards Committee of the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) is proud to announce that North Branford Intermediate School has been granted Positive 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 student's physical and emotional well-being."

The administration and faculty at the school completed a rigorous self-assessment examining areas of school practice such as a safe and healthy environment, a welcoming atmosphere for students and visitors, shared decision making, 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.

North Branford Intermediate School will be receiving a CAS Certificate and a three-year positive school climate designation. As a service to their schools wishing to improve their climate practices, award winners are linked to the CAS website www.casciac.org and welcome inquiries and visitors.

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