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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 and welcome inquiries and visitors.

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