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Dear Students, Parents/Guardians and District Partners,

We are very excited to continue our partnership with Hamden Public Schools for our sixth school year! We place high value on our partnership--not only with Hamden--but with parents, families, and community, and we invite you to be an active participant in assisting our students to achieve their full potential.

In our in-district classrooms, we specialize in meeting the educational needs of students with academic and social-emotional needs. From the start, our over-riding vision has been: **“Building Student Confidence and Competence through Personalized Academic and Behavioral Interventions.”** We strive to make each and every student feel successful in the classroom, school community and the community at large through academic achievement and improved self-esteem. This is accomplished by building an individualized program for each student, selecting the teaching style that accommodates their learning style, and using research-based interventions matched to the student’s needs and instructional levels.

In alignment with Hamden’s policies, vision and mission goals, we offer a full, rich, and rigorous curriculum of academics in conjunction with school-based social-emotional support and behavior-management. All student’s Individualized Education Plans’ (IEPs) goals and objectives are monitored and followed over the course of the school year.

Over last year, our program and students experienced many successes:

- 100% of students made academic gains in reading, exceeding growth targets for the year
- Shannon Searles, our K-2 classroom teacher, was named SESI’s 2024 Teacher of the Year
- One student played a leading role in the Hamden Middle School’s production of *Into the Woods*
- Increased opportunities for inclusion for our middle school students, including the ability to join courses with general education peers, attend school-wide events like field trips and assemblies, and join sports teams and clubs
- We hosted our first annual Family Literacy Night

This past school year, we were thrilled to relocate our 7th and 8th grade classroom to Hamden Middle School (HMS) and to work in partnership with the HMS team to provide new and meaningful experiences for all students. We also had the opportunity to continue old traditions, including our annual Turkey Trot and Feast, Read Across America week and other events like field trips, field days, and graduations. Our favorite trip was to the Peabody Museum in April!

This upcoming school year, we are excited to welcome many new students and staff to our school community.

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Please continue to visit our [website](#) for updates throughout the year and to meet our new staff members!
If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,
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