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Re-imagining the Region's Early Childhood Magnet School

Our Mission

- Pursue equitable and just systems of education
- Build the skills and knowledge of the educational community
- Design innovative, efficient, and effective programs, services, and solutions

Our Schools

- **The Friendship School (TFS)**

Pre-kindergarten & Kindergarten, Waterford

- **Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RMMS)**

Kindergarten-Grade 5, New London

- **Marine Science Magnet High School (MSMHS)**

Grades 9-12, Groton

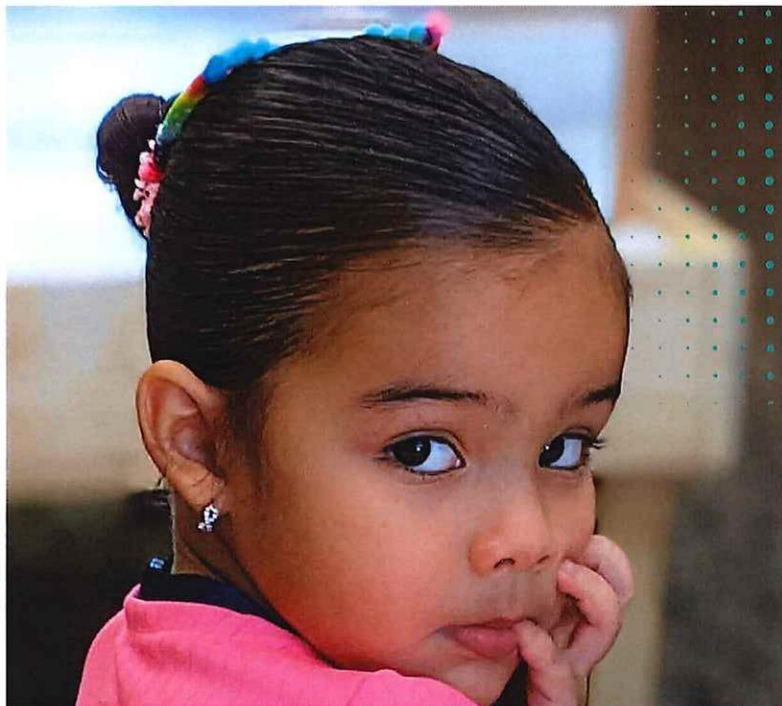
- **Three Rivers Middle College Magnet High School (TRMC)**

Grades 11 & 12, Norwich



Our Vision

To ensure that every child has access to high quality public education and opportunities through equitable systems of education, support, and service



Re-imaging the Region's Early Childhood Magnet School

LEARN will:

- Invest in the Daniels Avenue neighborhood by designing outdoor learning spaces and recreational activities with fully accessible playgrounds
 - Town residents may use the outdoor learning spaces, activities, and playgrounds during non-school hours.
- Increase property values with a state-of-the-art early learning center
 - The facility will include indoor spaces for town residents to use during non-school hours.

LEARN seeks a permanent location for the region's youngest learners. At the 51 Daniels Avenue property in Waterford, LEARN will:

- Offer Waterford and the region access to a high-quality, multicultural, multilingual, educational program
 - 600 children (approximately), ages 6 weeks to 7 years
- Re-establish the 51 Daniels Avenue site as a well-respected school
- Assume all financial responsibility for the demolition of and environmental cleanup of the currently shuttered property

"LEARN sees an opportunity to re-imagine the region's early childhood magnet school by building at 51 Daniels Avenue. We are committed to being responsible stewards of the property and will build an early childhood center of excellence of which we can all be proud. LEARN and Waterford have successfully partnered in the past to positively impact the region's learners. We are thankful for the partnership and hope that partnership continues."

*Kate Ericson,
LEARN's Executive Director*

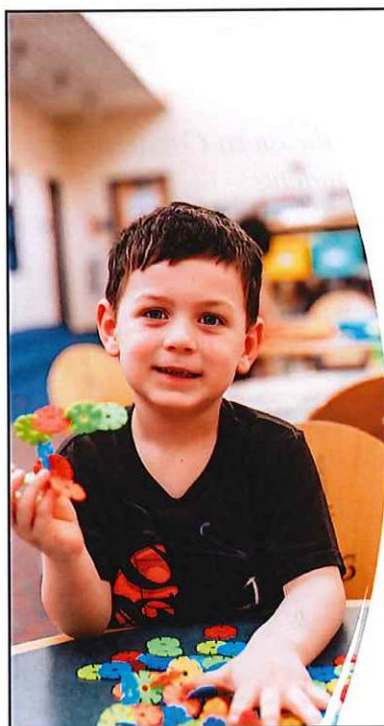




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*Southeastern Connecticut's Regional Educational Service Center,
serving the educational community for over 55 years.*

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Core Values

Student Success

Communication

Relationships

Integrity

Service

Innovation

Diversity

Creativity



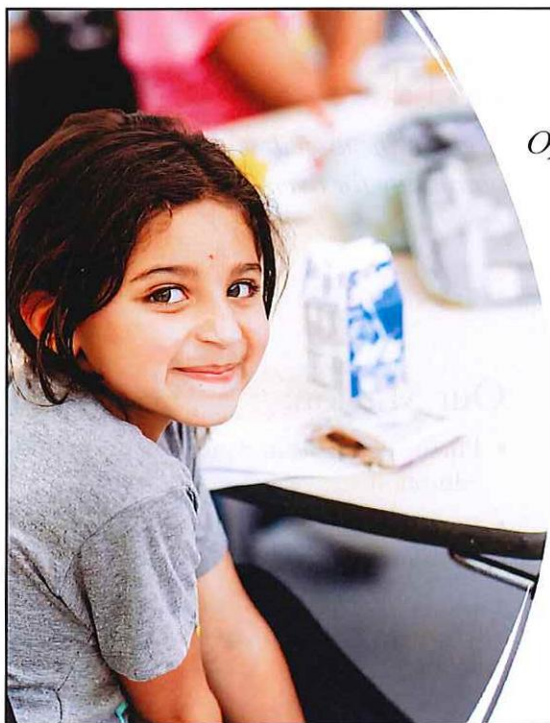
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*Operates 4 magnet schools in southeastern Connecticut,
serving 1,413 students*

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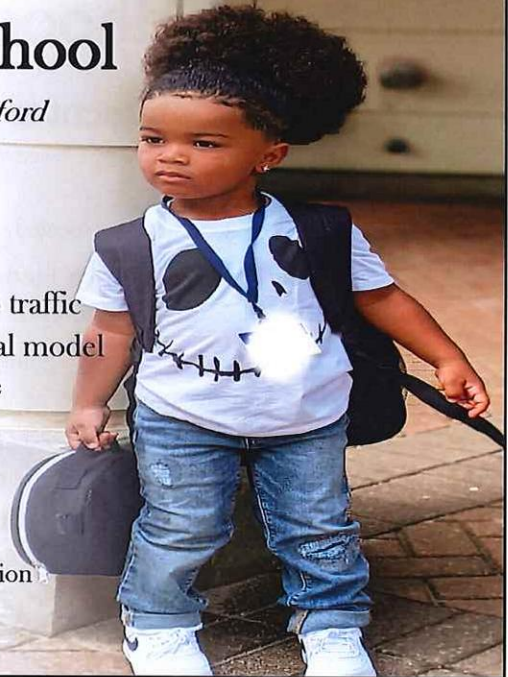
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The Friendship School, Rope Ferry Road, Waterford

Challenges

- Leased building [2025 expiration]
- Safety concerns on the school's current campus due to traffic
- Unsustainable pre-kindergarten magnet school financial model
 - Tuition based on parent/caregiver income and capped by the State of Connecticut
- Changed educational landscape
 - A childcare desert [quality care for children under age 3]
 - Pre-kindergarten now offered by area school districts
 - An increased need for the region's youngest special education students



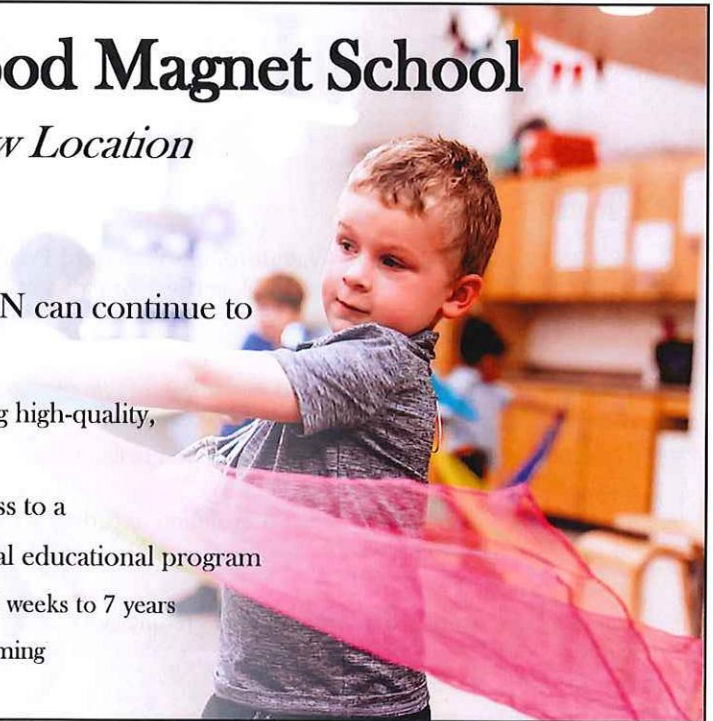
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New Location

Opportunity

- Permanent location where LEARN can continue to serve the region
 - Fulfill LEARN's mission by operating high-quality, integrated schools
 - Offer Waterford and the region access to a high-quality, multicultural, multilingual educational program
 - 600 children [approximately], ages 6 weeks to 7 years
 - Regional special education programming



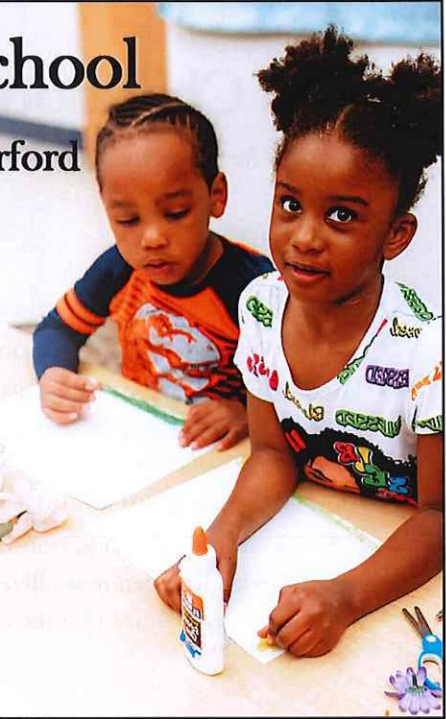
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LEARN's Commitment to the Town of Waterford

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Closing

LEARN thanks the Town of Waterford, the Waterford Public School System, and the residents of Waterford for partnering with us to offer The Friendship School.

Together, we successfully educated an average of 496 of our youngest citizens each year for the last 18 years.

Together, we became the first early childhood magnet school in our state.

Together, we can be part of the next evolution of early childhood education at 51 Daniels Avenue.

We hope you consider the opportunity to re-imagine this school with us.



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