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On January 25, 2018 the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS) visited the Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School (CNH) in Coventry as part of the evaluation process for CNH to be designated as a NELMS Spotlight School. The purpose of the Spotlight School Award is to recognize schools that have a record of effective teaching and learning for young adolescents and consistently implement middle level best practices. The NELMS' visitation team conducted a full-day site visit at CNH to observe a typical school day. Their visit included classroom observations, meeting with students, staff, parents, and administration. The Spotlight School recognition places Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School among one of 13 Spotlight Middle Schools in the state of Connecticut and among 30 Spotlight Schools throughout New England.

The NELMS reviewers observed a variety of indicators that make it evident that, "CNH continues to make progress and is committed to effective instruction, collaboration, teaming, and a solid understanding of the young adolescent." CNH was commended for effective leadership of the Principal and the collaborative and dedicated teaching staff, effective communication skills of the Superintendent, the active role the Student Council takes in the decision making process, the enthusiastic support of the parent community, and the active PTO.

CNH will be recognized at the Annual NELMS Conference Recognitions Reception on April 4 in Providence, RI, as the newest Spotlight School and be presented with a Spotlight Schools Banner. This recognition will last for a period of three years: 2018-2021, at which time the school may reapply for this distinction.

This information was provided by Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School. For further information, please contact Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal, at 860-742-7334, Ext. 4375, or ddejulius@coventryct.org.

