Whole Child Spotlight Series

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The Whole Child Spotlight Series highlights innovative work to improve student academic, social, emotional, behavioral, and physical health outcomes using the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model.

East Hartford's Hornet Team

- EHHS and CIBA students (grades 9–12) formed the Hornet Team to promote health, wellness, and vaping prevention.
- Around 35 students created an original comic book, *Buzzy Saves the Day,* to teach younger students about healthy choices and resisting peer pressure.
- Student mentors then visited EHPS elementary schools to read the comic, lead activities, and discuss health and decision-making.

WHOLE SCHOOL, WHOLE COMMUNITY, WHOLE CHILD

A collaborative approach to learning and health

WSCC is the CDC's framework for addressing health in schools. It's student-centered, emphasizing the role of the community and the use of evidence-based policies and practices.



Health Education | **Social & Emotional Climate**

Hornet Team and Whole Child Development

The intergenerational program promotes **social & emotional climate** by building team community. The team provides important **health education** to younger students and fosters a feeling of belonging in the district.





Team Impact

The team builds leadership, communication, and public speaking skills while strengthening cross-grade mentorship. Elementary visits include student feedback to measure shifts in attitudes about vaping and healthy behaviors.

> “[The team is] inspiring and empowering EHPS youth to make good choices regarding health and saying **NO** to vaping.”
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> - Farah, team member

Learn more at ctwscc.org

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