

Dear Eli Whitney Parents, Students and Community members,

As we embark on another exciting academic year at Eli Whitney Technical High School, I am thrilled to extend my warmest welcome to both our returning students and those who are joining our school community for the first time.

At Eli Whitney Technical High School, our *Vision Statement* is that we *aspire to graduate the most prepared skilled labor workforce in Connecticut*. *Eli Whitney's Mission Statement* is to *provide our students with the academic and technical skills needed to become professionals who meet the 21<sup>st</sup> Century demands of our communities in an environment that is safe and culturally responsive*. The success of our students relies on a strong partnership between parents, school, and community. Together we can help our students be successful!

**Trade and Academic Excellence:** We are dedicated to maintaining high trade and academic standards and providing real world educational experiences that will empower our students to excel in their studies and beyond. Our teachers are passionate about their subjects and are committed to supporting each student's growth and achievement.

**Communication and Collaboration:** Open and effective communication between school, parents, and students is essential for a successful educational journey. We encourage parents to stay involved in their child's education and maintain a strong partnership with our school. Regular updates will be shared through newsletters, family-engagement events, Coffee with the Principal, and our school's online platform (ParentSquare).

**Safe and Inclusive Environment:** Creating a safe and inclusive environment is a top priority. We are committed to fostering a school community where every student feels valued, respected, and supported. Our policies are designed to ensure the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of all students. If you see something, say something.

**Resources and Support:** Our school offers various resources and support systems to help students thrive. From counseling services to academic assistance, we are here to provide guidance and help students overcome challenges they may encounter on their educational journey.

As we begin this new academic year, I encourage each student to set personal goals, embrace new challenges, and take advantage of the opportunities that come their way. Parents, your continued support and involvement are invaluable, and I invite you to be active participants in your child's education.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas to share, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our school staff. Let's make this a year of collaboration, learning, and success.

Best regards,

Mr. DiNatale  
*Principal*

## Eli Whitney's Core Values



**OWN IT**

Overcome set backs  
Want more  
Normalize kindness  
Inspire positive change  
Take responsibility