

Here are some highlights from across the district on the good work underway to meet our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) goals.

- Eight staff members, with two representatives from each school, began an intensive DEI series offered by the Capitol Region Education Council on November 4th. They are collaborating to identify key resources and activities to implement districtwide. The series will continue over the winter months and conclude in the spring.
- Stonington High School is awaiting the review of a grant application submitted by Safe Futures which would sponsor the school's participation in the Green Dot Program. The Green Dot program creates a school culture that supports proactive, preventative behaviors and teaches students skills and strategies to intervene in potentially high-risk situations.
- Discussions are underway to develop a professional learning session for all teachers, in conjunction with our alumni specific to their own experiences as recipients of microaggressions and prejudicial treatment.
- The faculty from West Vine Street School and Deans Mill School will commence a professional development series on trauma-sensitive instructional practices to improve student engagement beginning in January. Both Stonington High School and Stonington Middle School continue to work on these practices with consultants from EASTCONN to improve student achievement through active student engagement.

(perhaps include that we have been working on these endeavors since August 2020??)