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Scofield Magnet Middle School *is a* *2007 NELMS Spotlight School*

The New England League of Middle Schools announced today that **Scofield Magnet Middle School, Stamford, Connecticut** was selected as a NELMS Spotlight School. This prestigious award was one of a few select schools recognized by the regional organization. Dr. Robert C. Spear, Executive Director of NELMS, stated that “The school was selected because of its record of creating an excellent learning environment for young adolescents and its consistent observance of middle school best practices.”

Criteria for the award included a review of curriculum, instruction, qualified middle level teachers, teaming practices, democratic governance, appropriate school environment and the level of involvement of parents and community. It is obvious that permeating the culture and the environment of the school is the deep concern for and understanding for the young adolescents they serve.

NELMS was very impressed with the excellence that was evident throughout the school. The award and designation will be in place for three years, assuming that the excellent practices continue. The school will be presented a banner at a time and place to be determined in partial acknowledgement of this worthy achievement.

If the school wants to continue as a Spotlight School, it must maintain effective practices and it will be assessed every three years to ensure that the high standards of quality remain in place at the school. Scofield Magnet Middle School was the only school identified in Connecticut in 2007, one of six Spotlight Schools in Connecticut and one of only thirty-four schools in the entire New England region to be so designated by NELMS.