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# Redistricting Committee Meeting: Toquam Proposal

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EXCELLENCE IS THE POINT.

# Relocation of Toquam Students



- The Environmental Interdistrict Magnet School will open grades PreK, Kindergarten and Grade 1 in 2009, and Grade 6 in 2010.
- Toquam students and teachers for Grades 2-5 will be relocated to the EMS facility in September of 2009.
- The Toquam program will continue until all students have graduated.
- One of the principal's charges at the EMS will be to provide Toquam students access to EMS facilities and activities to the fullest extent possible.

Environmental Magnet School

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| September 2009 | Open Grades PreK, Kindergarten and Grade 1 |
| September 2010 | Open Grades 2 and Grade 6                  |
| September 2011 | Open Grades 3 and Grade 7                  |
| September 2012 | Open Grades 4 and Grade 8                  |
| September 2013 | Open Grade 5                               |

# Environmental Interdistrict Magnet School Teaching Staff



- All Stamford Public Schools teachers who are interested may apply for Environmental Magnet School positions.
- Teaching positions at the EMS grade levels to be opened the following year will be posted several months in advance to provide time for specialized professional development.



# Implications of the Teachers' Contract



- Toquam teachers may choose to move to the EMS facility with Toquam students, or may apply for a voluntary transfer to another school.
  - Any vacancies in Toquam positions at EMS will be filled through the district's pool of available certified elementary teachers.
- Current contract requirements allow veteran teachers to bump newer teachers at Toquam as students graduate and Toquam's enrollment declines.
  - Possible Scenario – Mrs. X and Mr. Y
- As Toquam's enrollment declines, Toquam teachers will be eligible for an involuntarily transfer, in which case they will be assigned to one of their top school choices.
- Plans for placement of specials teachers, reading teachers, pupil personnel service providers and other Toquam staff are yet to be determined.

# Impact of Toquam Student Enrollment at the EMS



*How many Toquam teachers will move to the EMS facility?*

- The number of Toquam teachers who move to the new building is dependent on the number of students who continue at Toquam, once it is relocated to the Environmental Magnet School site.
  - Toquam parents may also choose to enroll their child at their district elementary school or enter the magnet lottery.
- Based on student enrollment, there may be 0, 1, 2 or more classrooms at a given grade level in the Toquam program while housed at the EMS.