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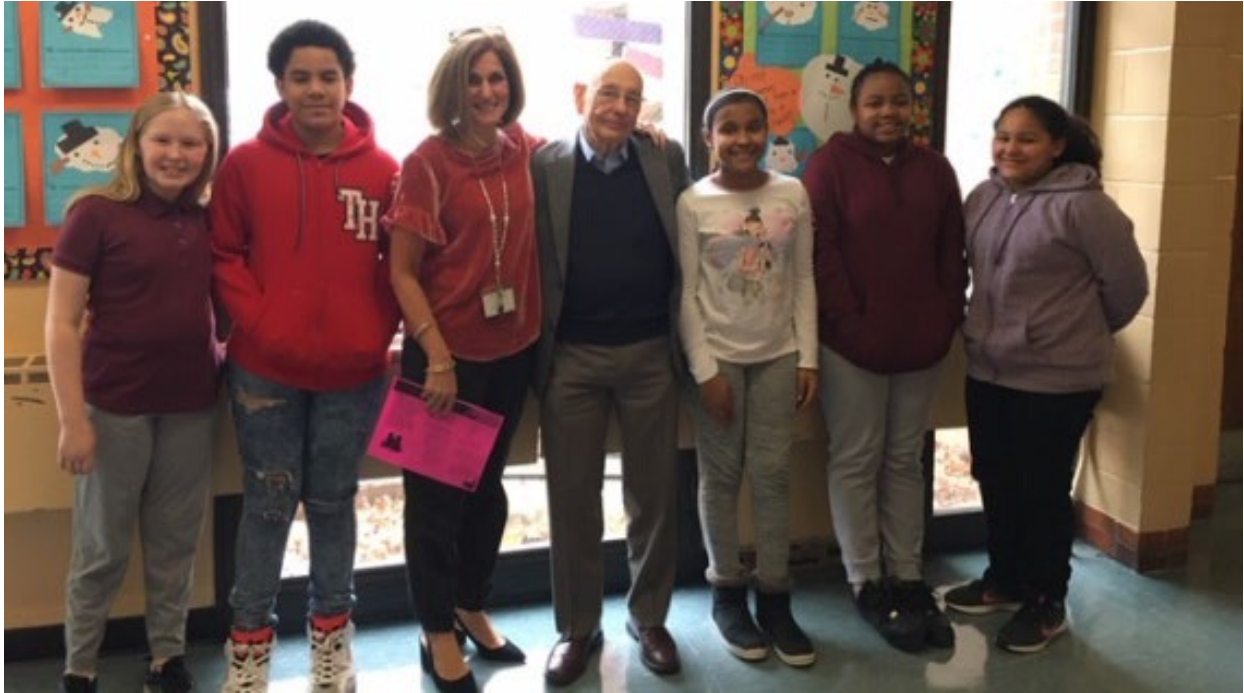
# Great things are happening at New Haven Public Schools

*January 10, 2020 - January 17, 2020*

*We believe that all kids can learn, achieve, and rise to a bright future. Our purpose is to provide an outstanding education that extends beyond graduation and prepares our students to be the next generation of leaders, innovators and problem-solver.*

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# Quinnipiac STEM



On Friday, January 10, 2020, Quinnipiac STEM's Fifth graders attended a Historical and first hand connection to their reading of HANA'S SUITCASE... Andy Sarkany visited Mrs. Harkins' 5 th grade Literacy students, to share first hand experiences of his childhood as a Jewish boy living in Nazi occupied Budapest, Hungry during WW II. His message of love, peace and tolerance were very inspiring. "Never use the word hate...you don't hate broccoli or carrots- you dislike them ...hate is evil... replace hate with love..."

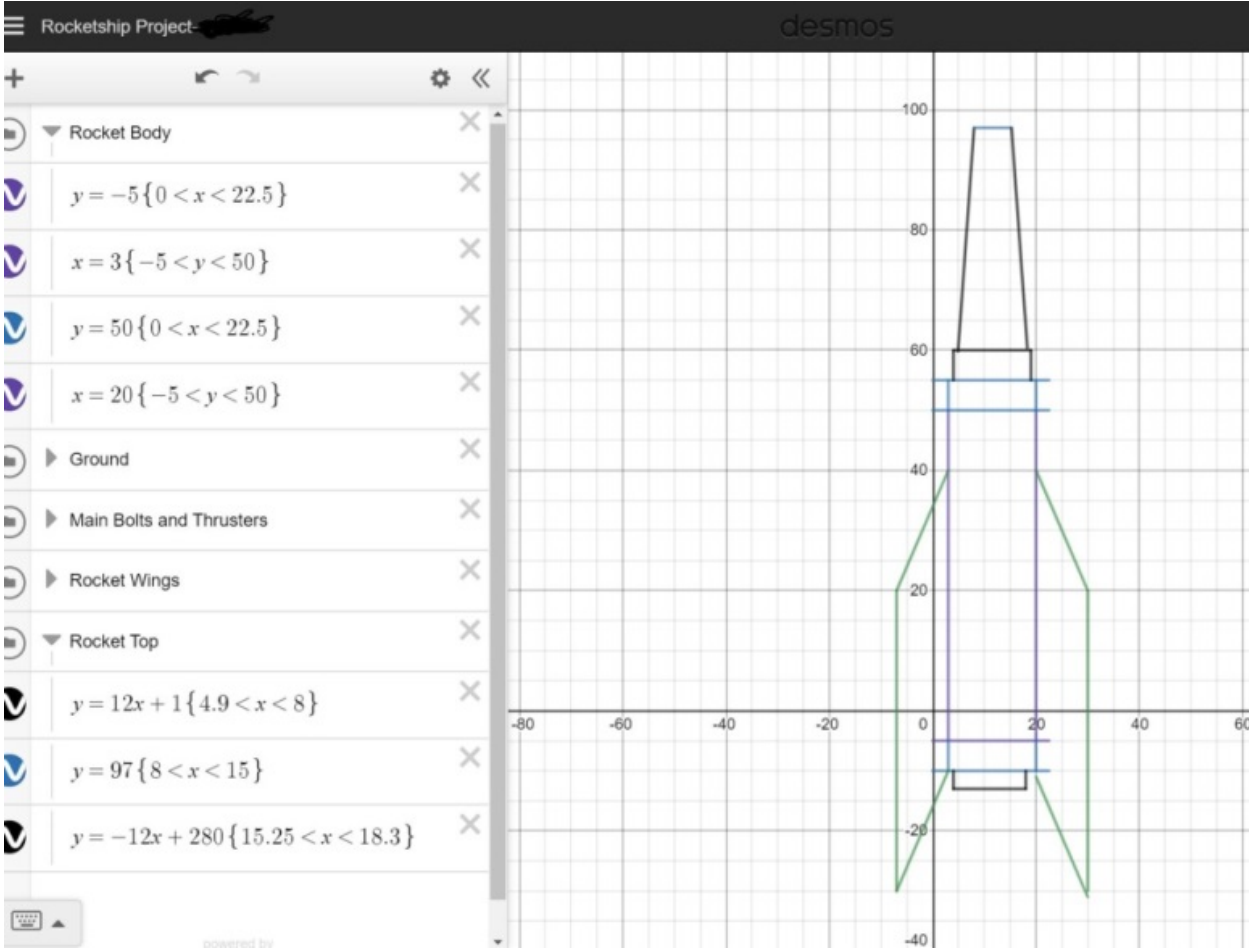


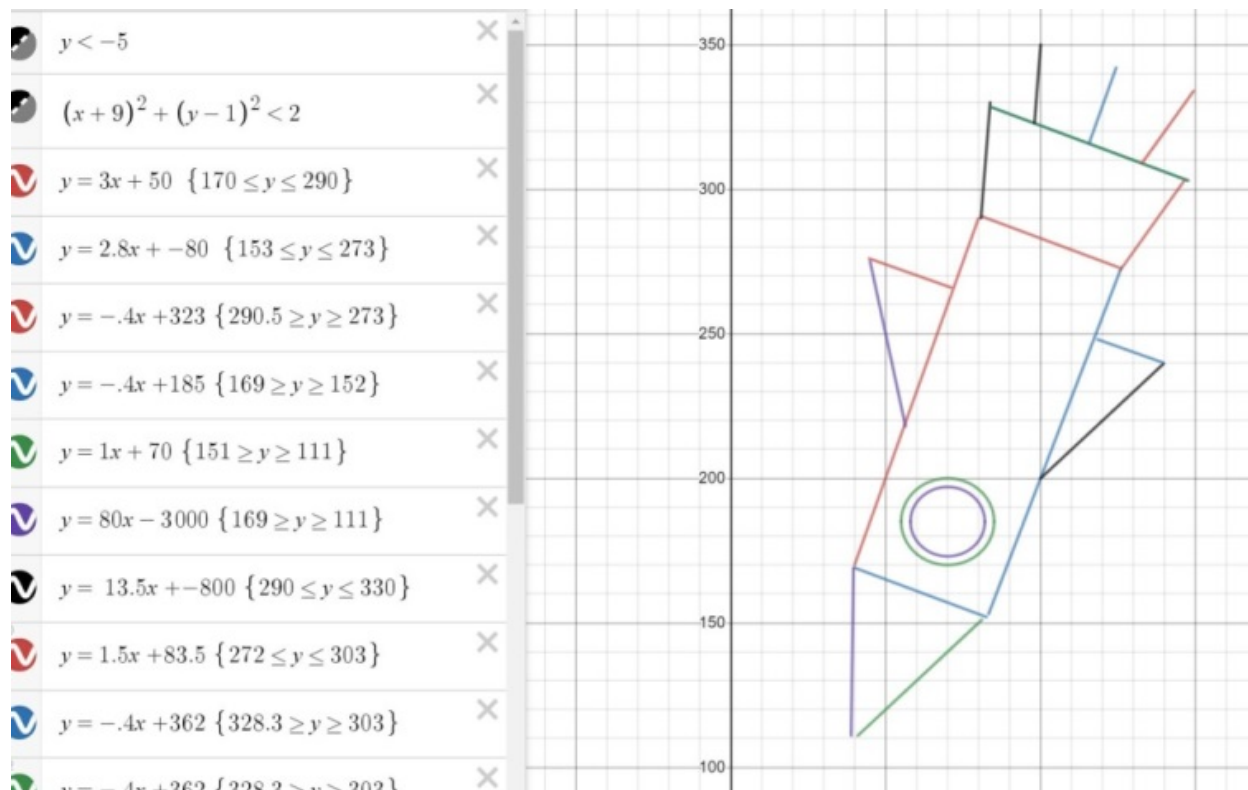
Later a small group of students sat down with Mr. Sarkany and Mrs. Sweet (Literacy coach) to ask thoughtful questions... over hot chocolate and ...

This is Mr. Sarkany's third visit to QUINNIPIAC STEM.

**David Street Students Have Designed and Refined Their Own Rockets**







Davis Academy for Arts and Design Innovation is in our third year of a MSAP grant focused on inquiry and creating interdisciplinary curriculum. Our Eighth grade students have designed and refined their own rockets, as part of a collaborative unit between science and math called “To Infinity and Beyond”.

Over the past several weeks students studied Space Exploration, Astronomy, and rocket design in science and linear relationships of an astronaut’s oxygen tank, and plotting equations on the coordinate plane to design a rocket in math.

After testing, the students re-designed their rockets using their flight experience from the launch. We appreciate the dedication and creativity of our excellent teachers, Mr. Erickson (Science) and Mr. Wentworth(Math). Student Jermaine Shepherd reports, “I thought it was fun to see how math and science came together. I really liked testing the rockets outside.

The math was hard but it was worth it. The building stage followed testing and refining made me think about what actual engineers have to go through. That they have to start over and over, slowly getting better.”

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## Gateway's Men Basketball Program & NHPD Provides Basketball Clinic!!



- **When:** January 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Where:** Lincoln Bassett School, 130 Bassett Street  
New Haven, CT 06511
- **Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- **Fee:** FREE
- **Grades:** 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
- **Boys and Girls**

*To register please contact Lt. Colon at: 203-668-8907 or Coach Chazz at: [CMcCarter@gwcc.commnet.edu](mailto:CMcCarter@gwcc.commnet.edu)*

# Washer/Dryers Eyed For Fair Haven School

by Allan Appel | Jan 13, 2020 2:07 pm



Fair Haven School on Grand Avenue.

The Fair Haven School on Grand Avenue may soon be New Haven's first to have an on-site washer/dryer, designed for use by displaced and homeless families.

That news emerged at the January meeting of the Fair Haven Community Management Team, where Sergio Rodriguez, the school system's point of contact for children in foster care, made the announcement.

Fair Haven School is the entryway school for new immigrants and, most recently, for many families displaced after Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico.

At an [aldermanic hearing in October, students and others testified](#) that homeless kids' attendance could be increased if laundry service were available in schools.

As of the end of the last school year, 521 students across New Haven's public schools experienced homelessness. District officials calculated that 33.9 percent of them are chronically absent, meaning they've missed one-tenth of the school year.

Many of these students don't show up because they can't arrange transportation from temporary housing or don't have backpacks or uniforms.

Schools in Newark, Oakland and Detroit have built laundry rooms with support from donors, at costs ranging from \$13,000 to \$20,000. And [schools in Los Angeles, New Orleans, Atlanta and Chicago](#) received washers and dryers for free from Whirlpool, after a principal in St. Louis reached out to the company with the idea.



Allan Appel Photo

Rodriguez (right) with Fair Haven Community Management Team Corresponding Secretary David Weinreb.

Rodriguez said approval by the Board of Alders has already occurred. He predicted that installation of the machines would be happening soon.

In a follow-up call, schools Chief Operating Operator Michael Pinto said he is not aware of the status of the project but said it might also have to do with preparations for anticipated earthquake refugee families coming to New Haven and its schools from Puerto Rico.



# New Haven Schools Accepting Puerto Rican Students Displaced By Earthquakes

by Brian Zahn

Updated 6:42 pm EST, Thursday, January 9, 2020



Photo: Brian Zahn/Hearst Connecticut Media / **IMAGE 1 OF 9**

New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker at a City Hall press conference to announce the report of his transition team's findings on Jan. 7, 2020.

NEW HAVEN — Mayor Justin Elicker and interim Superintendent of Schools Iline Tracey said the school district and city are prepared to accept students and families displaced by an earthquake in Puerto Rico.

A 6.4-magnitude earthquake displaced thousands on the island this week and left many more without power or water.

“The City of New Haven and New Haven Public Schools (NHPS) are prepared to receive residents and students from Puerto Rico in the wake of this most recent disaster-including those unaccompanied by a parent or guardian-and provide them with supplies, clothing, and transportation,” the Elicker and Tracey statement said.

“Students will be assessed for bilingual education and special needs and will be placed in the appropriate classrooms. Resources to support all students and families received during this disaster will be covered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),” the statement said.

The gesture is not unprecedented in the Elm City. In the 2018-19 school year, an estimated 200 students who had evacuated Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria in 2017 enrolled in New Haven’s schools. Former Gov. Dannel Malloy’s administration ultimately allocated additional funding to the school district midway through the 2017-2018 school year, although the district was educating students at a lower cost per pupil for months before then after accommodating young evacuees and their families.

“The NHPS Youth, Family, and Community Engagement Department will be coordinating communications and will be a resource to students and families if they arrive in the school system,” the joint Elicker and Tracey statement said. “We stand with Puerto Rico, and our hearts go out to all those affected by this disaster. The Elm City is ready to accommodate those seeking refuge in this perilous time.”

Following Hurricane Maria, other New Haven agencies found themselves stretched thin. U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro became involved when a FEMA housing program for evacuees living in New Haven nearly ended. Junta For Progressive Action reported in August 2018 that it was helping 425 families, months after a number of federal resource centers were stripped of the designation, leaving Junta as the only federal resource center for Hurricane Maria evacuees in the state.

Although New Haven gained students mid-year following the hurricane, there was no immediate evidence the classrooms would be unable to accommodate the additional students. In 2018-19, the district’s enrollment was 21,264; although this year’s enrollment account has not been verified by the state, district officials reported to state officials that its enrollment is 20,994 for the current academic year.

## Barnard Environmental Studies



Ms. Heinig's Kindergarten students are learning what it means to be scientists. They have been working together in groups to explore and make observations about wind and its effect on different environments (such as sand and water).





Students wrapped up their hands-on lessons by creating pinwheels.



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## **“Show Me How”- Learn about the New Haven Scholarship Fund: FREE money for college!**

Saturday February 8th at 11am  
Mitchell Library, 37 Harrison St New Haven

New Haven Scholarship Fund has awarded over \$10 million in scholarships to more than 10,000 New Haven Public High School graduates with the academic potential to enroll in college. The New Haven Scholarship Fund helps talented and motivated New Haven high school graduating seniors to break the cycle of limited opportunities. The New Haven Scholarship Fund scholarship can be used at any college or trade school, in or out of state. You don't need a specific GPA but you must be accepted to a college, university, or technical school to receive a scholarship.

***Parents are HIGHLY encouraged to attend with their students.***



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