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Dr. Da Silva to Receive Connecticut PTA Outstanding Educator Award

The Ridgefield Public Schools PTA Council announced that Superintendent Dr. Susie Da Silva would receive the 2026 Connecticut PTA Outstanding Educator Award. This news came on Dr. Da Silva's sixth anniversary at RPS and marks the invaluable collaboration between the PTA Council and the District.

The Connecticut PTA Outstanding Educator Award is a statewide recognition program honoring educators who go above and beyond to support students, partner with families, and strengthen the school community.

RPS PTA Council co-presidents Lorraine Catalano and Mary Jo Salgado write that supporting this nomination was a community effort. Letters of recommendation were gathered from parents, teachers, a principal, a fellow administrator, and a representative of the town.

In the PTA Council's letter of nomination, they cite Dr. Da Silva's commitment to students, her collaborative style, and skillful communication. They write, "What stands out most is her unwavering focus on students—every decision, every initiative, and every conversation ultimately returns to what is best for children. Her ability to lead with clarity, compassion, and purpose has had a lasting and meaningful influence on the Ridgefield community."

Dr. Da Silva commented, "This award is particularly meaningful to me because Lorraine, Mary, and our PTAs are excellent community members and partners. The time and care they put into Ridgefield families and our schools is unmatched. The RPS motto this year is 'Better Together'. Day in and day out, we all collaborate for our students."

The award will be celebrated at an Outstanding Educators event in May.

Congratulations, Susie! Thank you to Lorraine, Mary, and all our PTA partners.

