



## **Teacher of the Year: Dr. Robert Seferian**

Each day in classrooms across the district, NPS educators work hard to ensure that our students are achieving important benchmarks, and are prepared for future success.

The Connecticut Teacher of the Year Program recognizes and honors teacher excellence. It does not attempt to select the "best" teacher, but to identify one teacher to serve as a representative of what is best in the profession.

This year, Roton Middle School Special Education Teacher Dr. Robert Seferian was selected to represent all Norwalk Public School teachers in the statewide 2018 Teacher of the Year program. Teacher of the Year representatives will be celebrated at a banquet taking place in November in Hartford.

The process of choosing a Norwalk Teacher of the Year representative began with submissions from educators who had been selected as part of the annual "Excellence in Education" initiative. A committee composed of administrators and community representatives from the Norwalk Education Foundation then selected the Norwalk Teacher of the Year finalist.

Throughout his nearly 30-year tenure with Norwalk Public Schools, Dr. Seferian has worked with special needs students. Along with administrators and colleagues, he led a groundbreaking initiative at Roton Middle School, which implemented co-teaching strategies for high needs students in general education classrooms rather than self-contained settings.

Dr. Seferian was also part of a group responsible for the implementation of the new middle school redesign plan for sixth grade at Roton. Dr. Seferian worked with team members to launch ENCORE, programming at the middle school level that provides enrichment, exploration and application of the core curriculum for students.

The Board of Education is proud to honor Dr. Robert Seferian as Norwalk's Teacher of the Year. We are pleased to have him as a representative of all NPS educators who commit to excellence each and every day.