

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING ELBA SIMS  
OF TURN OF RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
ON BEING NAMED  
2023-2024 STAMFORD TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, Elba Sims was selected by a committee of Stamford Public Schools teachers as the 2023-24 Stamford Teacher of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, Elba Sims runs the New Arrivals class at Turn of River Middle School, which serves as many as twenty New Arrival students, speaking up to eight different languages, at one time; and

**WHEREAS**, Elba Sims' classroom has been described as a safe space filled with enriched charts, visuals, vocabulary, and love; and

**WHEREAS**, Elba Sims is an active member of various organizations, including Building One Community, Parent University the TOR School Governance Council, and the ASD program; and advises the LGBTQ Club at Turn of River; and

**WHEREAS**, Elba Sims was recognized by her peers as a "dedicated, compassionate, and inspirational teacher and an impassioned and engaged member of her community."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives congratulates Elba Sims on being named 2023-2024 Stamford Teacher of the Year.

*Approved by the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives  
this 5th day of June, 2023*

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Jeff Curtis, President

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Megan Cottrell, Clerk