

Thomas Wachtelhausen

Thomas Wachtelhausen is a 1966 graduate of Lyman Hall High School. He was an honor student and class officer who excelled on the athletic field and on the musical stage. Mr. Wachtelhausen earned a Bachelor's Degree in K-8 Education from Central Connecticut State University, where he was chosen for the select Student Teaching Innovation program. He also earned a Master's Degree +30 in School Counseling. Mr. Wachtelhausen went on to a distinguished career in education. During his time as a teacher in the Wethersfield Public Schools, the Wethersfield Jaycees recognized him as the "Most Outstanding Young Educator" for 1973. He was also named the Wethersfield "Coach of the Year 1980," having coached both football and girls' softball. In 1982, Tom made a career change, becoming an insurance/investment consultant. He returned to education a decade later as a middle school teacher and guidance counselor in the New Britain Public Schools. Tom developed and implemented several innovative programs that resulted in significant improvement in student achievement. In 1997, he was named the Roosevelt Middle School "Teacher of the Year" and later received the special Superintendent's "Above and Beyond Teacher Award." Thomas was recognized by the Connecticut Department of Education when he received the "Celebration of Excellence" award for his work in curriculum development.