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Dear Parents, Staff and Concerned Citizens:

Yesterday, it was reported that Niche.com released its 2017 list of best public high schools in Connecticut.

According to the Niche website (Niche.com) the rankings assesses 18,793 U.S. public high schools. Niche rankings are based on rigorous analysis of academic and student life data obtained from the U.S. Department of Education. The statistics obtained from the U.S. Department of Education represent the most recent data available, usually from 2014-2016, as self-reported by the schools. Some of the many factors considered are academics based on state assessment proficiency tests and SAT/ACT scores; quality of teachers based on teacher salary, teacher absenteeism and state test results; culture & diversity; health & safety; resources & facilities; clubs & activities; sports; and parent/student surveys on overall experience.

I am very proud to report that Avon High School was ranked number 11, aligning us with two other Hartford area schools, Glastonbury High School and Simsbury High School. The other top ten schools reside in Fairfield County.

To see the rankings of the *Top 100 Public High Schools in Connecticut* in its entirety, go to:  
<https://www.niche.com/k12/rankings/public-high-schools/best-overall/s/connecticut/>.

Once again, I extend my appreciation to the students, parents and staff for their hard working efforts. It is through these collaborative efforts that Avon Public Schools continues to be recognized for its academic excellence.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary".

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