



Sen. Jonathan Harris experiences the water table with young learners at the Bloomfield Early Learning Center.

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Legislator Tours Bloomfield Early Learning Center

Senator Jonathan Harris, who serves the 5th Senatorial District of West Hartford, Bloomfield, Burlington and Farmington, visited Bloomfield Early Learning Center (BELC) on Jan. 15.

The tour, organized by the CT Early Childhood Alliance, a non-profit advocacy organization in Hartford, served to highlight quality early learning programs and allow Harris to hear directly from the staff about challenges they face in early care and education.

BELC is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, which means it must meet all 10 program standards of the NAEYC Early Childhood Program. Providing quality care and education for children since 1973, BELC offers year-round operation and serves children ages 3-4. Its preschool program is designed to meet the developmental needs of 3- and 4-year-old children. Using the High/Scope Perry Preschool philosophy, children experience active learning, positive adult-child interaction, a rich learning environment, consistent daily routine and on-going assessment. The center serves 85 children.