

Jonathan Budd and I attended the 2021 CBE/CAPSS Convention on November 12 in Groton. The theme of the meeting this year was “The Future: Civility, Diversity and Student Voice”

We attended sessions on: Recent legislative and judicial action affecting local district policy, leveraging the unprecedented opportunity of ESSER/ARPA funding – How Hartford used the funds in a build better strategy, Collective bargaining during a Pandemic and an interactive final session on intersection of cultural competence and social emotional learning. The items provided at the conference are available from me should anyone wish to look over them.

There were 3 highlights for me: a rousing keynote speech by Dr. Miguel Cardona, the U.S. Secretary of Education; bumping into Dr Guy Stella – a former much loved Beecher Superintendent, and the opportunity to hear a heart warning story on Jonathan Budd, our current superintendent.

What you can see now is Ayana who is member of the board of education in Windsor, CT and our very own Jonathan Budd. I thought I would put up Ayana’s FB post on the chance encounter of a teacher and student 20 years later 😊

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A highlight of the convention for me!!!!

Full circle moment. Jonathan Budd was my 11th grade Honors English teacher. He is now the Superintendent in Woodbridge and I'm on the Board in Windsor. We reunited for the first time in over 20 years at the CT Boards of Education and Superintendents Conference today! PS I went on to receive my Bachelors Degree in English. Mr. Budd and Kim Elmer saw the writer and leader in me. Ms. Elmer pushed me to take Mr. Budd's class and Mr. Budd asked me to be Co-editor of the School newspaper my Senior year. These moments are what it's all about! Educators inspiring students and carrying the impact years later.

