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SW schools buck trend



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Students fill the hallway as they make their way to their next class at South Windsor High School on April 21. It is one of the issues that comes with increasing enrollment within the South Windsor Public Schools, officials say.

Public school enrollment down nationwide, up in town

By **Natasha Sokoloff**

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SOUTH WINDSOR — When the bell rings for lunch, the halls of South Windsor High School quickly flood with students. Zipping backpacks, chattering teenagers and squeaking sneakers against tile create the quintessential high school soundtrack.

Yet these bustling halls signal something increasingly rare in public education today: more students, not fewer.

Follow the flow of high schoolers going about their day and the signs become hard to miss. Teachers share classrooms. Some classes meet in the old elementary school next door because the high school doesn't have enough room. Electives and sports fill quickly. Lunch is no longer confined to the cafeteria.

"We can't fit everybody in there," Superintendent Kate Carter said, glancing at the cafeteria on a recent spring day and pointing to tables outside and in designated overflow spaces.

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Protecting property owners from 'title pirates'

By **Alexander Soule**

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With another "title piracy" try in Connecticut, the state has yet to tackle the issue with any new legislation like New York, Rhode Island and several others — though plenty of towns now offer property fraud alert systems that raise the red flag for owners when thieves attempt to sell their land.

Just over 60 cities and towns in Connecticut offer property fraud alert systems through Info Quick Solutions, a Liverpool, New York-based firm which offers online access to property records in those municipalities. IQS offers its property fraud alert system as a free add-on service for the towns that use its systems for town clerks, according to

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