



**Diana Proto Avino**  
**Mathematics/Technology Specialist**  
**Clinton, CT School District**  
**1998**



**At the time of the Award, Diana Proto Avino was: Teacher**  
**Abraham Pierson School**  
**Clinton, CT**  
**Subject(s) Taught: General Elementary**

Biographical Information: Diana Avino is currently the K-5 mathematics/technology resource teacher for the Clinton School District. At the time of her Milken Educator Award, Mrs. Avino's fourth- and fifth-grade classroom at The Abraham Pierson School in Clinton followed an inclusive, interdisciplinary curriculum that focused on two long-term research projects each year. These projects culminated in the publication of hardcover books that were then presented at a theme-based, activity-oriented open house. Students converted their research projects into multimedia Hypercard stacks through Mrs. Avino's Connecticut All Stacked Up program, which earned her a Celebration of Excellence Award from the Connecticut State Department of Education in 1995. That same award recognized her Playground Ponderings program, in which the school's blacktop was decorated with geometric shapes, which the students use to identify, formulate and solve problems in mathematical terms.

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