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Your Great Opportunity to take advantage of the region's diverse schools and programs

Regional School Choice Office Lottery Application Deadline Thursday, January 31, 2013

Final week to submit applications for Greater Hartford Open Choice program, magnet schools

(HARTFORD, CT) – **Now is the time to apply.** This is the final week for parents, grandparents, and guardians of children entering prekindergarten to Grade 12 to apply to attend one of the outstanding public schools in the Greater Hartford region through the Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) lottery for the 2013-2014 school year.

Open Choice programs in 26 school districts and 37 theme-based magnet schools offer dedicated teachers, high quality instruction, and the latest learning technologies to fuel students' success and best match their talents, needs, and interests.

RSCO, which offers assistance to families interested in exploring these public school options and applying for their top school choices, will close its lottery application period on **Thursday, January 31, 2013.**

Until then, families may apply online by visiting the RSCO website at www.choiceeducation.org and clicking on "Apply Now." Families may also visit RSCO's Parent Information Center, open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and located at 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 270, in Hartford, to submit an application and have questions answered by RSCO staff. The Parent Information Center will be open for extended hours, until 6:00 p.m., on January 31.

Families with questions about the RSCO lottery application process should visit or call the Parent Information Center at 860.713.6990. Families may also obtain RSCO programming information and paper applications for the lottery at the following community locations, where computers and free assistance are available (families should call first):

Blackwell Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church
680-682 Blue Hills Avenue, Hartford (Phone: 860-634-9092)

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford, Asylum Hill Unit
170 Sigourney Street, Hartford (Phone: 860-929-7691)

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Hartford, Institute for the Hispanic Family
45 Wadsworth Street, Hartford (Phone: 860-527-1124)

Center for Urban Research, Education and Training (CURET), Inc.
1443 Albany Avenue, Hartford (Phone: 860-247-0123)

Community Renewal Team
330 Market Street and 555 Windsor Street, Hartford (Phone: 860-761-7948)

Hartford Areas Rally Together
385 Washington Street, Hartford (Phone: 860-525-3449)

Hartford Communities That Care, Inc.
2550 Main Street, Hartford (Phone: 860-724-1223)

Hartford Public Library – All Branches
Check online at www.hplct.org (Main Branch/500 Main Street Phone: 860-695-6328)

Imagineers, LLC
635 Farmington Avenue, Hartford (Phone: 860-768-3350)

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford
30 Arbor Street, Hartford (Phone: 860-233-3853)

Stewart Community Center (Fair Share North Hartford)
127 Martin Street, Hartford (Phone: 860-249-4182)

The Village for Children and Families
331 Wethersfield Avenue, 105 Spring Street, and 1680 Albany Avenue, Hartford (Phone: 860-236-4511)

About the Greater Hartford Regional School Choice Office

The Regional School Choice Office provides information, technical assistance, and support to help families explore and make informed choices about the personalized learning and growth opportunities available to their children in the Greater Hartford region. For more information, please visit us online at www.choiceeducation.org.

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