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Your Great Opportunity to explore the region's diverse schools and programs

Regional School Choice Fair Saturday, Jan. 10

Third of four fairs to feature programming for Grade 6 through Grade 12

(HARTFORD, CT) – January 6, 2015 -- Want to explore the many great opportunities for your child's education within the Greater Hartford region? Want to speak with staff and families that work at or attend a magnet school or the Hartford Region Open Choice Program? Bring the family to the third of four regional school choice fairs on Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Public Safety Academy, 1617 King Street, Enfield.

Families should note that the largest numbers of available seats tend to be in the entry-level grades for each school or program, particularly grade 6 and grade 9.

RSCO will offer free bus transportation to (and from) Public Safety Academy on the day of the fair, departing from three designated Hartford locations:

- Hartford Public Library, SAND/Ropkins Branch (1750 Main St.); departing at 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.
- Hartford Public Library, Dwight Branch (7 New Park Ave.); departing at 10:30 a.m. and 11:50 a.m.
- State Employee Parking Lot, corner of Capitol Ave. and Oak St.; departing at 10:45 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

Bus transportation will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

The fair will feature information about the wide array of programming options available to Hartford and suburban students entering grades 6 through grade 12. Parents, grandparents, guardians and students can speak with helpful staff from RSCO and its partners, the Capitol Region Education Council, Hartford Public Schools' Host Magnet Program, the Hartford Region Open Choice Program, Goodwin College, the Connecticut Technical High School System, Bloomfield Public Schools and East Hartford Public Schools.

If you are new to this experience, there will be a video presentation to provide an overview of the RSCO lottery application process. After viewing the presentation, RSCO staff will be available to answer specific questions.

Families will also have the option of submitting an online application for the 2015-16 RSCO lottery. The 2015-16 lottery application period opened on Saturday, November 15, 2014 and the on-time application period closes on Friday, February 27, 2015. The lottery is not first-come, first-served, and families are encouraged to make an informed decision.

“Our goal is to provide information and improve access for students throughout the region who choose to apply to public schools outside of their community,” said Glen Peterson, RSCO’s Division Director. “Through our four fairs held between November and February, as well as many scheduled school and program-based open houses and information sessions, families can learn about the schools and specialized programs in our region that emphasize exciting educational themes.”

Remaining RSCO fairs for the 2015-16 lottery season are listed below. For more information on school fairs, information sessions, and open houses, please visit RSCO’s Web site at <http://www.choiceeducation.org> or call RSCO’s Parent Information Center at 860-713-6990 weekdays (excluding state holidays) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Remaining RSCO School Fair Schedule, 2015-16 Lottery Season

Saturday, January 10, 2015

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Public Safety Academy

1617 King Street

Enfield, Connecticut 06082

- This fair will feature RSCO programming for Grades 6-12

Saturday, February 7, 2015

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Conard High School

110 Beechwood Road

West Hartford, Connecticut 06107

- This fair will feature RSCO programming for Grades PK-12

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