

## RFP # 837 – Addendum

*This document represents an addendum to RFP #837 for Magnet School Consulting Services. This document includes all questions from prospective proposers regarding this RFP along with responses from the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE).*

### Question:

A proposer asked for the CSDE to provide the audit rubric tool used to identify Group 1, 2, and 3 magnet schools.

### CSDE Response:

The CSDE placed all *Sheff* interdistrict magnet schools into one of three groups (Groups 1, 2 or 3) based on each school's progress toward meeting the Comprehensive Choice Plan (CCP's) socioeconomic diversity goal, as defined in Section II(1) of the CCP. The CCP is available at the following link and through a link in the initial version of RFP #837: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/School-Choice/RSCO/Comprehensive-School-Choice-Plan-CCP.pdf> That section provides in relevant part as follows: "As the primary means to reducing isolation and promoting racial, ethnic and economic integration opportunities for Hartford-resident minority students, the state will pursue the goal of enrolling applicants to *Sheff* Interdistrict Magnet Schools . . . to maximize SES [socioeconomic status] diversity, up to a maximum of 60% from Tier A and a minimum of 30% from Tier C for incoming enrollments for each school through the Student Assignment Plan and placement protocols managed by the Regional School Choice System (RSCO)." (CCP, pg. 3) The CCP further provides that Tier A designates low SES for purposes of the Student Assignment Plan and the SES diversity goal; Tier B represents medium SES for these purposes; and Tier C represents high SES for these purposes. (CCP, pg. 3)

The magnet schools are arranged by Group in CCP Attachments 6 through 8. Attachment 6 contains the Group 1 schools and the percentage of each school's incoming class from Tiers A and C. Attachment 6 provides as follows: "Group 1 Schools include 17 magnet schools that met the SES diversity goal relative to low socioeconomic status (less than 60% tier A), are on track to enroll at least 30% tier C (high socioeconomic status) for 2021-22, and attract a diverse applicant pool." Attachment 7 contains the Group 2 schools and the percentage of each school's incoming class from Tiers A and C. Attachment 7 provides as follows: "Group 2 Schools include 10 magnet schools that met the SES diversity goal relative to low socioeconomic status (less than 60% tier A), and, in some cases, enrolled at least 30% tier C (high socioeconomic status) for 2020-21 and/or are on track to do so in 2021-22, but did not attract strong diversity in the applicant pool. These schools are below or on the margins of the SES diversity goal." Finally, Attachment 8 contains the Group 3 schools and the percentage of each school's incoming class from Tiers A and C. Attachment 8 provides as follows: "Group 3 schools include 12 magnet schools that met the SES diversity goal relative to low socioeconomic status (less than 60% tier A), but did not achieve at least 30% tier C (high socioeconomic status) for 2020-21 or in preliminary results for 2021-22, and consistently do not attract strong diversity in the applicant pool." All groupings are subject to change based on updated data.