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A Great Opportunity to explore the region's diverse schools and programs for the 2013-2014 school year

First of five School Choice Fairs in the Greater Hartford region to be held this Saturday at A.I. Prince Technical High School in Hartford

(HARTFORD, CT) - October 8, 2012 -- 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 or attend one of the magnet schools and the Open Choice program? Bring the family to the first of five Regional School Choice Fairs on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at A.I. Prince Technical High School, 401 Flatbush Avenue in Hartford.

The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) school fairs will feature booths and information about the dozens of magnet schools as well as the Open Choice options for Hartford and suburban students from preschool to grade 12.

Parents, grandparents, guardians and students can speak with helpful staff from the Greater Hartford Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) and its partners, the Capitol Region Education Council, Hartford Public Schools' Host Magnet Program, Goodwin College, the Open Choice districts and the Connecticut technical high school system as well as use the computer lab to complete online their RSCO lottery application to one of the many school choice options.

"Our goal is to provide information and improve access for students throughout the region who may apply to public schools outside their community or district," said Mark Linabury, Acting Bureau Chief. "Through our five open houses held between October and January, families can learn about the many schools and specialized programs in our region that emphasize exciting educational themes such as science, technology, math, engineering, arts and culture, environmental studies, global studies and social justice. Families will have the opportunity to get a first-hand look at what these schools have to offer by attending one of many open houses that the schools will host throughout the RSCO lottery application process."

A complete list of RSCO's school choice fairs follows below. For more information and for the list of open houses, call the Greater Hartford Regional School Choice Office at 860-713-6990 or visit their RSCO web site at ChoiceEducation.org

RSCO to hold five (5) School Choice Fairs

A.I. Prince Technical High School

401 Flatbush Avenue, Hartford Saturday, October 13, 2012 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Snow Date & Time: Sunday, October 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Conard High School

110 Beechwood Road, West Hartford Saturday, November 17, 2012 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Snow Date & Time: Sunday, November 18, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School

95 Oak Street, Glastonbury Wednesday, December 5, 2012 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Snow Date & Time: Thursday, December 6, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Trinity College

Ferris Athletic Center (Field House) 1710 Broad Street, Hartford Saturday, December 15, 2012 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Snow Date & Time: Sunday, December 16, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Sport & Medical Sciences Academy

280 Huyshope Avenue, Hartford Saturday, January 12, 2013 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Snow Date & Time: Sunday, January 13, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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