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

## **Regional School Choice Fair This Saturday**

**Second of five fairs to be held at West Hartford's Conard High School**

**(HARTFORD, CT) - December 3, 2013** -- 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 a magnet school and the Hartford Region Open Choice Program? **Bring the family to the second of five Regional School Choice Fairs on Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Conard High School, 110 Beechwood Road in West Hartford.**

The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) school fairs feature booths and information about the wide array of programming options available to Hartford and suburban students ages preschool to 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, Hartford Region Open Choice districts, Goodwin College, the Connecticut technical high school system, Suffield's Regional Agriscience Center, Bloomfield Public Schools and East Hartford Public Schools.

At the fair, families will also have the option of submitting an online application for the 2014-2015 RSCO lottery. The 2014-2015 lottery application period opened on Monday, December 2, 2013 and will close on Friday, February 28, 2014.

"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, thus enabling families to make fully informed decisions," said Glen Peterson, RSCO's Division Director. "Through our five open houses held between November and February, 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."

A list of RSCO school choice fairs is 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.

**RSCO School Fair Schedule, 2014-2015 Lottery**

**Saturday, December 7, 2013**

**9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Conard High School**

110 Beechwood Road

West Hartford, Connecticut 06107

Snow Date and Time: Saturday, December 14 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Saturday, January 11, 2014**

**9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Great Path Academy**

60 Bidwell Street

Manchester, Connecticut 06040

Snow Date and Time: Saturday, January 18 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Thursday, January 30, 2014**

**5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**International Magnet School for Global Citizenship**

625 Chapel Road

South Windsor, Connecticut 06074

Snow Date and Time: Friday, January 31 from 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, February 8, 2014**

**9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Sport and Medical Sciences Academy**

280 Huyshope Avenue

Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Snow Date and Time: Sunday, February 9 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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