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Dr. Steven Adamowski Signs Employment Agreement with the Connecticut State Board of Education and State Education Resource Center to Serve as Special Master for the Windham Public Schools

At its May 4, 2011 meeting, the Connecticut State Board of Education (CSBE) authorized Acting Commissioner George A. Coleman to assign a special master to administer the educational operations for the town of Windham to assist the school district in making adequate yearly progress for whole district performance in both reading and mathematics as stated in the No Child Left Behind Act.

Dr. Steven Adamowski, recently retired Hartford Public School Superintendent, has since entered into an employment agreement with the CSBE and the State Education Resource Center (SERC) to serve as special master beginning August 15, 2011. The scope of Dr. Adamowski's responsibilities includes, but is not limited to:

- Collaboration with the Windham Board of Education and Superintendent to implement the district's improvement plan provisions as developed under Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-223e, the state-wide education accountability law;
- Management and allocation of any district federal, state, and local education funds; and
- Report on a regular basis to the CSBE and the Commissioner on the progress of implementing the district improvement plan and the effectiveness of the Windham Board of Education and Superintendent.

Under the employment agreement, the Commissioner, through the CSBE, will be responsible for the performance accountability of Dr. Adamowski. The Executive Director of SERC will be responsible for oversight of Dr. Adamowski's administrative functions related to salary and benefits.

As Superintendent of the Hartford Public Schools, Dr. Adamowski led successful education reform, redesigned existing schools and created new schools to close the achievement gap. In addition, Dr. Adamowski implemented a robust school accountability plan to drive school improvement.

Upon finalizing the employment agreement, Acting Commissioner Coleman stated, "I look forward to working closely with Dr. Adamowski to revitalize, reshape and redirect the Windham Public Schools to improve educational opportunities for all Windham's school children, parents and families."