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**Acting Commissioner Announces Search for Members to Serve on Reconstituted Bridgeport Board of Education**

(Hartford, Conn.) On July 5, 2011, the State Board of Education authorized the Commissioner to reconstitute the Bridgeport Board of Education consistent with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes 10-223e(h). Acting Commissioner George A. Coleman is seeking candidates to comprise this newly appointed board of education. Preferred candidates will have an uncompromised commitment to use current resources and create immediate opportunities to improve the near-term and future education of Bridgeport's students.

Preferred candidates will encourage policies that provide information to system stakeholders, including parents, about the system and its status relative to fostering student success.

Preferred candidates should possess the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated ability to work as a member of a team, to meet high priority, complex system goals. Members must understand team dynamics and rules for conducting the public's business.
- Skills in shaping and sharing an organizational vision that would assist in identifying a vision for a successfully functioning progressive school system within 5 years that allows the students of Bridgeport to be competitive among their statewide peers.
- Commitment to invest substantial time to improve the governance structure of a complex school system by fostering political courage, innovative practices and equitable and sustainable local school system redesign.
- Significant experience in managing and developing policy for complex multi-service systems and enterprises that include work in the areas of client service, fiscal and programmatic accountability, community relations and engagement with local, state and federal governmental entities.

A letter of interest accompanied by a resume providing the requisite skills and qualifications for participation as a member of the newly reconstituted board of education may be sent to:

George A. Coleman, Acting Commissioner of Education  
CT State Department of Education  
165 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

**In order to be considered, candidates must submit the aforementioned information by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2011, irrespective of postmark date.**