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

Regional School Choice Fair Saturday Morning **Fifth and final fair at Hartford's Sport and Medical Sciences Academy**

(HARTFORD, CT) – February 3, 2014 -- 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 final Regional School Choice Fair on Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Sport and Medical Sciences Academy, 280 Huyshope Avenue, in 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 2014-15 RSCO lottery. The 2014-15 lottery application period closes 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."

For more information on RSCO events and programs, 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.

Remaining RSCO School Fair Schedule, 2014-2015 Lottery

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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