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WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL TO RECOGNIZE RETIRING EXECUTIVE FROM THE HARTFORD

HARTFORD – For more than 35 years, Sheldon Lawrence was known for his work with The Hartford. But it was his efforts to improve the city of Hartford that will be recognized this week.

On Wednesday, January 15, at 1 p.m., Mayor Eddie A. Perez and Superintendent Robert Henry will join staff and students from West Middle School, 927 Asylum Avenue, to celebrate Sheldon Lawrence Day. Lawrence, who had served as vice president of state and community relations, retired from The Hartford in December 2002. Representatives from The Hartford will also attend.

While at the financial services corporation, Lawrence played a crucial role in developing leadership in the Hartford Public Schools. He provided an executive coach for Hartford Public High School to develop a leadership initiative, and has implemented educational partnerships with Quirk and West middle schools.

Lawrence has also lent his expertise to the City of Hartford, serving as an executive on loan at City Hall prior to his retirement. In that capacity, he assisted the city manager with an array of budget and planning projects.

The Hartford is the school district's biggest corporate donor, averaging approximately \$2 million in funds, equipment and services annually.

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