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MAGNET SCHOOL FAIR SET FOR FEB. 5

--Application deadline is February 18, 2005--

(HARTFORD, January 28, 2005) – Greater Hartford parents and students will be able to learn more about Hartford's 10 magnet schools at a "Magnet Fair," Saturday, February 5, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Pathways to Technology Magnet School in Windsor.

Representatives of the 10 inter-district magnet schools will distribute brochures and applications, and answer questions. The deadline for applications for the 2005-2006 school year is February 18, 2005. Information and applications are also available at the Hartford Public Schools, Magnet Program Office, 960 Main St., 5th floor, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and online at <http://www.hartfordschools.org/parents/home.html>.

The 10 Hartford inter-district magnet schools were established by the Hartford Public Schools in collaboration with the State of Connecticut and made available to students throughout the 32-town Greater Hartford Region.

The schools are dedicated to academic excellence and human diversity. Each school has a core program that meets the highest state and national standards for curriculum, instruction, and student achievement. Additionally, each school has a specialized curriculum "theme" or approach to teaching.

At least 30 percent of the students attending magnet schools come from suburban school districts, with the remaining students coming from Hartford. There is no tuition fee, and transportation is provided by the Hartford School District.

The 10 Hartford Host Interdistrict Magnet Schools are:

Breakthrough Magnet (PK-8), 121 Cornwall St.; Annie Fisher Magnet (PK-6), 280 Plainfield St.; Simpson-Waverly Classical Magnet (PK-5), 55 Waverly St.; Noah Webster MicroSociety Magnet (PK-8), 5 Cone St.; Hartford Magnet Middle School (6-8), 153 Vernon St.; Capital Preparatory Magnet (6-12), 950 Main St.; Greater Hartford Classical Magnet (6-12), 85 Woodland St.; Pathways to Technology (9-12), 184 Windsor Ave., Windsor; Sport and Medical Sciences Academy (9-12), 275 Asylum St.; University High School for Science & Engineering (9-12), 30 Elizabeth St.

To reach the Magnet Program Office call (860) 695-8839, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Pathways to Technology Magnet School is located at 184 Windsor Ave. (at Meadow Rd.), Windsor. Take exit 34 off of Interstate 91. Snow date for the event will be Saturday, February 12th.

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