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## **Hartford Public Schools Celebrates School Counselors During National School Counseling Week, February 2-6, 2004**

National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), was celebrated during the week of February 2-6, 2004, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems.

“The role of the school counselor is vital to the educational success of our students,” said Jody Becker, Coordinator of Hartford Public Schools’ School to Career program. “School counselors work closely with parents and students to help ensure a positive school experience as they prepare for future endeavors like post-secondary education or employment.”

“We rely on counselors every day and thank them for their tireless commitment and dedication to Hartford students,” added Lou DeLoreto, Coordinator of Guidance.

In a proclamation, Superintendent of Schools Robert Henry cited school counselors for being actively engaged in helping students examine their abilities, strengths, interests and talents; for working in a partnership with parents as they encounter the challenges of raising children in today's world; for focusing on positive ways to enhance students' social/personal, educational and career development; and working with teachers and other educators to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic and optimistic aspirations for themselves.

Each school guidance counselor was presented with a copy of the proclamation and a certificate of appreciation. At Weaver High School, culinary arts students presented the guidance department with a cake to honor their contributions.

Parents or other community members with specific questions or concerns about school counseling programs should contact the individual counselor at his/her school.

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*Weaver Guidance Department staff and Career Specialists celebrate National School Counseling Week with a cake made by culinary arts students. Pictured above from left to right are Kenneth Beare, Tonia Grant, Valerie Donar, Patricia Nelson, Revonnie Haynes, Sheila Rhule, and Cheryl Lindquist.*

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