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Hartford Public Schools Welcome New Principals – For a Day! *State and local leaders tackle challenges of running a school*

(Hartford, CT) – Hartford Public Schools is inviting government, business and community leaders to experience firsthand the responsibilities and decisions the city's principals face every day.

When the morning school bell rings on **Friday, April 16, 2004**, Hartford Public Schools will greet these guests as **“Principal for a Day,”** the fourth year of this annual event.

Guest principals, who include John Motley, president of the Traveler's Foundation; Attorney Jeffrey Dressler; Kid Fresh from WZMX radio; and George Bahamonde, president and CEO of the United Way of the Capital Area, will take over at 38 Hartford schools.

Modeled after a nationally renowned New York program, “Principal for a Day” encourages ongoing partnerships between the private sector and public schools. Guest

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principals often develop personal connections to the school and continue their commitment to public education.

Hartford's "Principal for a Day" event aims to:

- Provide positive role models for students
- Build and strengthen support for public schools
- Offer inside experience with staff and students
- Show the schools' commitment to education and students

Hartford's "principals" attended an orientation session on Thursday, April 15 at 260 Constitution Plaza, which was designed to acclimate them to their new duties and challenges.

There will be a post-event meeting at the Mark Twain House Museum on Friday, April 16 at 4 p.m., at which guest principals may share their observations and experiences.

The media is encouraged to visit a Hartford public school on Friday, April 16 for "Principal for a Day" to talk to guest principals, school officials and staff members. The event promises to be a **great interview, photo and video opportunity** as these guests experience a day in the life of Hartford Public Schools as "Principal for a Day!"