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HARTFORD DIGNITARIES TO SERVE AS PRINCIPALS FOR A DAY

Hartford celebrities and community leaders will learn what it takes to be a principal in the Hartford Public Schools as this year's **"Principal for a Day" event takes place on Thursday, May 22, 2003.**

An orientation breakfast will be held on **Wednesday, May 21, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Metro Hartford Conference Center** (260 Constitution Plaza) for members of industry, business and the local community who will experience the challenges and rewards of serving as a public school principal in Hartford.

On **Thursday, May 22, 2003**, each person will go to his or her assigned school for the duration of the school day. Later, there will be a closing reception/debriefing from **4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Capital Community College Rotunda**, located on the first floor of 960 Main Street.

"Principal for a Day" is an annual event that is held in the Hartford Public Schools. It is part of a national program founded by PENCIL (Public Education Needs Civic Involvement) in New York City to engage the community in public education. It has become a powerful catalyst for ongoing partnerships as leaders in schools and the city share ideas, resources, and a sense of responsibility for public education.

We invite the media to visit any of our 36 schools and to attend the reception/debriefing at the end of the school day on Thursday.

If you have any further questions, please contact Jacquelyn Hardy at 695-8409.

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