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HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS MARKS NATIONAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY WEEK

HARTFORD – With the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act slated for reauthorization this year, the role of school psychologists is being more closely examined than ever.

In order to increase awareness of the importance of school psychologists, the Hartford Public Schools are recognizing National School Psychology Week (Nov. 4-8) with presentations at several schools. Connecticut schools psychologists will join their colleagues nationwide in observing these dates.

Hartford Public Schools Psychological Services Coordinator Pat Brett has asked all school principals to observe National School Psychology Week by posting notification fliers and presenting handouts on developing mental effort, alertness and performance consistency among students.

Strategies to promote a student's mental effort include varying work periods, guidance on efficient use of textbooks and encouraging maintenance of a diary or journal. Alertness can be promoted through schedule modification, breaks between activities and utilization of visual, verbal or physical cues. Educators can promote performance consistency by using peers as behavioral role models or helping students choose strategies that promote output.

Information on school psychology will be provided to parents and teachers throughout the district. For more information, contact Pat Brett at (860) 695-8000.

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