



Hartford Board of Education
Special Meeting – Wednesday, August 1, 2012

Connecticut Science Center,
250 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut 06106

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order (4:00 p.m.)
- II. Roll Call
- II. Business Agenda
 1. Approval of Operations Plan for Betances STEM and Breakthrough II Magnet (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Board of Education approves the operation plans for Dr. Ramon Betances STEM Magnet School and Breakthrough II Magnet.
- III. Adjournment

*** Regular Meeting – Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at Environmental Sciences Magnet School at Mary Hooker, 440 Broadview Terrace, Hartford CT 06106 ****

AGENDA

ITEM # 1

NEW BUSINESS

AUGUST 1, 2012

APPROVAL OF THE OPERATIONS PLAN FOR BETANCES EARLY READING MAGNET SCHOOL AND BREAKTHROUGH II MAGNET SCHOOL

MR. GENAO
MS. REY
DR. KISHIMOTO

BACKGROUND

On May 15, 2012, the Hartford Board of Education approved the transition of Betances Early Reading, and Breakthrough II to *Sheff* Magnet Schools. The two operations plans for the schools are presented this time for Board approval:

1. Dr. Ramon E. Betances STEM Magnet School

The mission for the STEM program is to increase engagement and academic performance in Grades 4 – 8 through the integration of a science, mathematics, engineering and technology curriculum. All students will participate in an inquiry-based instructional program. This core instructional model will facilitate student-driven learning and create a learning environment rich in advanced academics. Betances STEM will benefit from the coaching, professional development and curricular expertise of STEM at Annie Fisher.

2. Breakthrough II Magnet School

The mission of Breakthrough II is for staff, families, and community members of diverse backgrounds to work in partnership, developing students as models of outstanding character. Students learn problem solving, responsible choice making and the value of keeping their agreements. Character development permeates our broad-based instruction, producing students with academic rigor, aesthetic appreciation, technological expertise, and physical expressiveness aimed at contributing to others. At Breakthrough II, we celebrate our global community, and our students' resultant lives are marked by vitality, effectiveness, health, and well-being. As a sister school to Breakthrough I, Breakthrough II will benefit from coaching, joint professional development and other supports provided through the collaboration. In addition in the 2012-2013 school year the schools will be known as Breakthrough Magnet North Campus and South Campus.

RECOMMENDATION

The Hartford Board of Education approves the operation plans for Dr. Ramon Betances STEM Magnet School and Breakthrough II Magnet School.