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Candidates Forum: Hartford Board of Education

School Board Race All-Important to Sustaining Recent Improvements in Student Performance

HARTFORD, CT (October 6, 2009) – A forum featuring the candidates for the Hartford Board of Education will take place **Tuesday, October 27th at 5:30 pm**. *Achieve Hartford!* is co-sponsoring this event with several other groups at the **Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street**.

John Motley, chairman of the Hartford School Building Committee and former president of the St. Paul Travelers Connecticut Foundation, will moderate the panel discussion. Mr. Motley is currently a partner with the Hartford based capacity building firm MotleyBeup.

The forum is taking place in advance of the November 3rd election. City voters will go to the polls that day to elect four of the nine members of the Hartford Board of Education. The groups co-sponsoring the forum include: Achieve Hartford!, Hartford 2000, The League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford, ConnCAN, MetroHartford Alliance, and the City of Hartford's Office of the Registrars of Voters.

"To keep the focus on continued improvement in Hartford's system of schools, we need to help make sure the community better understands the issues facing the district. In addition, we want to encourage Hartford residents to get out and vote on November 3 in this important election," said Linda Bayer, Executive Director of Hartford 2000.

"The Hartford Public School System is in the midst of significant reform efforts and coming off of a second year of improving performance. It is crucial for the Hartford community to participate in the election by learning about the candidates and understanding their positions on sustaining reform", said James L. Starr, Executive Director of Achieve Hartford!

Admission to the event is free. Refreshments will be served at 5:30 pm and the Forum will begin at 6:00 pm. For more information call (860) 695-6295 or email Htfd2000@aol.com

Achieve Hartford! is an independent, nonprofit organization of business and community leaders that focuses on student achievement and supporting effective and sustained school reform in the Hartford Public Schools. We believe that a system of high-performing public schools is essential for our children and for the future of Hartford

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