

West Hartford Public School District

AGENDA ITEM: Special Education Program Review

MEETING DATE: October 7, 2008

THROUGH: David P. Sklarz, Superintendent

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education vote to receive the Special Education Program Review prepared and presented by Dr. Riley and Dr. Frattura of the Education Development Center.

Background:

The Education Development Center (EDC) completed its independent review and study of West Hartford's special education program during the final quarter of the last school year.

This study provided a comprehensive review of the district's educational services for students with disabilities to support the district in its effort to improve the performance and outcomes for students with and without disabilities. The EDC consultants reviewed the district's policies, procedures and practices, and they met with all stakeholders, administrators, staff and parents. Finally, they examined and evaluated student's educational plans (IEPs) and records to assess their educational benefit.

The report and recommendations were posted on the district's website on Friday, October 3, 2008. Dr. David Riley and Dr. Elise Frattura will report on their findings and recommendations to the Board of Education tonight. The EDC consultants will also be available to meet with parents and other stakeholders on October 8, 2008, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., at the Town Hall in Room 400.

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