



Quality Integrated Education in the Hartford Region

Progress and Prospects 2011-12

Sheff Movement year-end meeting
December 3, 2011



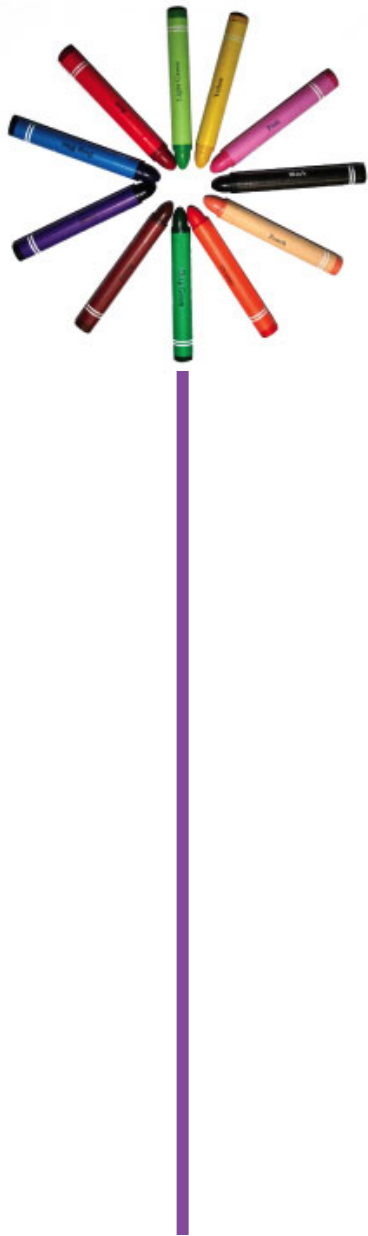
What is *Sheff v O'Neill*?

In 1996, the Connecticut Supreme Court ruled that the segregated conditions in the Hartford public school system violate the Connecticut Constitution and charged the state of Connecticut with devising a remedy.



What is the Sheff Movement?

We are parents, citizens, educators and others who care about civil rights and education. We work to educate the public about proven voluntary integration measures and increase support for quality education for all children.



Growing Sheff program enrollments

More than 10,000 students total in voluntary, two-way integration programs

- 30+ school districts
- 29 regional magnet schools
- 29% “Hartford minority children” in integrated settings in 2011-12 (plus 3% part time programs)

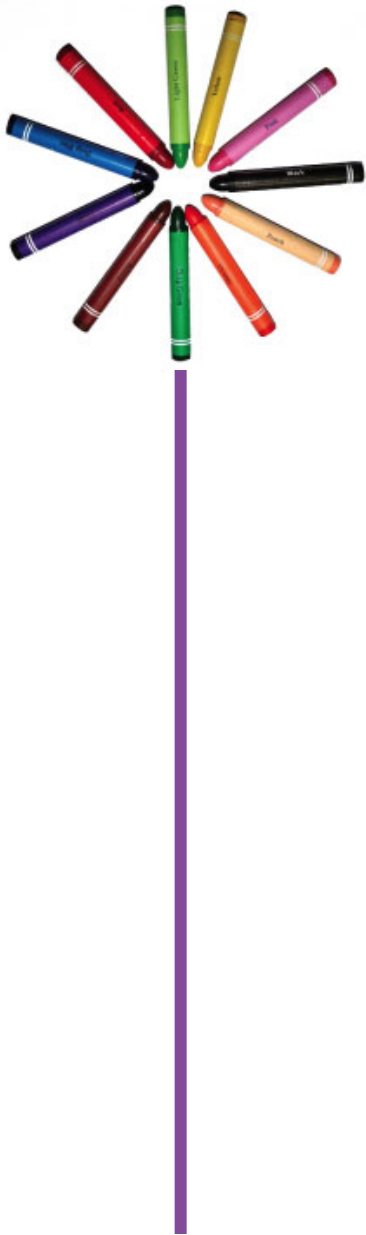
Number of students per school year:

Open Choice	2009	2010	2011
	1250	1301	1421
Regional Magnets	2009	2010	2011
	(3000)	3226	4167
Total Hartford	2009	2010	2011
	4800	5390	6327



Achievement gains

- Black, Latino, and “economically disadvantaged” students in magnet schools are out-performing the state proficiency levels for their groups
- Students in most HPS and CREC magnet schools meet and exceed proficiency standards on state tests
- Magnet schools are helping to close the “Achievement Gap”



Recent Awards

“America's Best High Schools 2011” (US News & World Report):

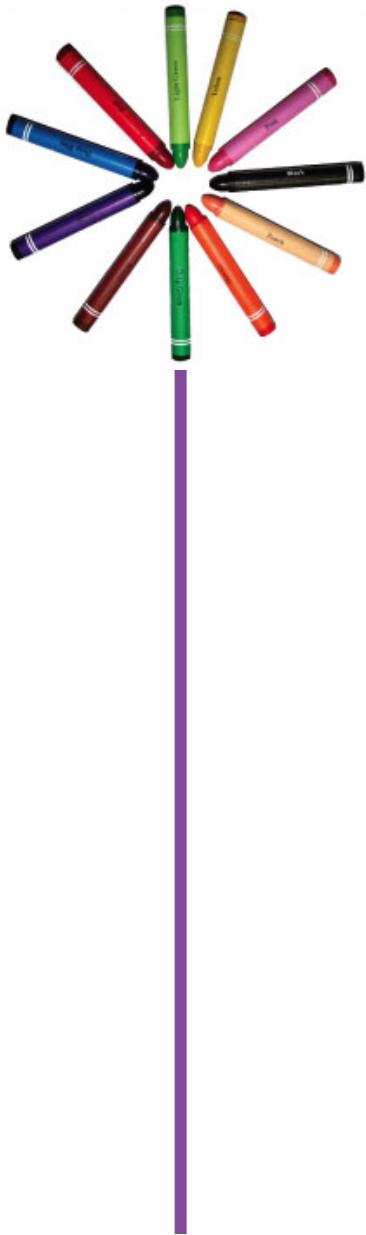
- Capital Preparatory Magnet
- Pathways to Technology
- Sport and Medical Sciences Academy
- University H.S. of Science & Engineering

“Best Magnet School in the U.S. 2011” (Magnet Schools of America):

- Hartford Magnet Middle School

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Quality Integrated Education for All Children



Challenges for the future

- Expanding existing regional magnet schools
- Adding new magnets for new audiences (dual language immersion?)
- Identifying new Open Choice seats in the Hartford suburbs earlier in the spring!
- Continuing improvements for the Hartford Public Schools – along with expanded integration options
- Ensuring a fair and inclusive marketing and lottery process
- Designing “Phase 3” of Sheff implementation – expanding and sustaining success for all children



Questions ?

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