

## West Hartford Public School District

**Agenda Item:** 2011 Summer School Report

**Meeting Date:** October 18, 2011

**From:** David Downes, Director of Continuing Education

**Through:** Tom Moore, Assistant Superintendent for Administration

### **Background:**

This report describes the Summer High School and Summer Learning Adventures pre-K-8 programs that took place in July and August.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Downes will be available to answer questions.

### **Summer High School**

The high school program was held at Hall for a second year in a three-year cycle rotation with Conard High, starting on June 27 and ending on August 4. Nine hundred thirty students from twenty-eight towns and two other states enrolled in thirty-six different courses, but the enrollments by town were down across the board, with a total of 757 students first semester and 577 students second semester, a 17% drop from 2010. An interdistrict state grant awarded to help students from West Hartford, Hartford and Bloomfield attend the program was cut 24% in late May, reducing the numbers of students that could attend with aid.

Sixty-nine percent of the students took courses to “get ahead” in their academic programs, allowing for greater participation in both advanced-level courses and in extracurricular activities and sports during the school year. About 6% enrolled in non-credit courses such as Study Skills, Intensive Reading Development, SAT Prep and ESOL, while about a quarter of the students attended to remediate low or failing grades. All classes are taught by certified teachers, of whom 58% are West Hartford teachers.

### **Summer Learning Adventures Pre-K-8 Program**

This program, located at Whiting Lane and Sedgwick, ran for four weeks from June 27 to July 22. Classes at Whiting Lane served twenty-five students from pre-school to first grade, and the Sedgwick program served 227 grade 1-8 students taking a mix of fourteen different academic skills courses and twenty-five enrichment courses in arts, music, technology and physical education. Similar to the high school program, these enrollment totals represent an 18% decrease from 2010, even though we expanded after program options with Leisure Services, simplified the class schedule, and added new offerings such as a cooperative venture with local access television. A total of thirty-six teachers, most of whom are from West Hartford, provided the instruction for these programs. While most of the students are from West Hartford, thirty-four students from fifteen other towns also enrolled in the program, demonstrating the attractiveness of the offerings.

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