From The House

Dear Neighbors:

It is that time of year for Hartford parents to begin the process of thinking about which school they would like their son or daughter to attend for the coming school year. As the parents of a two year old, my wife and I have gone to open houses, done tours of various schools and are now preparing to submit our application. The process is definitely more involved than when I was a kid and attended Noah Webster Elementary School on Cone Street. However, there are resources and staff available to help you with this process.

I thought it might be good to share some important information in this monthly column. The Hartford Public Schools Office of School Choice can be reached at (860) 713-8876 or (860) 713-6992 and the website is http://www.hartfordschools.org/about-us/hps-central-office/the-office-of-school-choice.

There is also the Hartford Region Open Choice Program run by CREC. That website is http://www.crec.org/choice/interest.php and the telephone number is (860) 524-4010.

If you questions please call one or both of these numbers.

On a final and related note, I was excited to join Mayor Bronin, Superintendent Beth Schiavino-Narvaez and my legislative colleagues for an announcement at Hartford Public High School last week. UConn and Hartford Promise announced a new partnership in which they will partner to offer a four-year college scholarship of up to $40,000 in total for high school students in Hartford who attend UConn and can meet certain benchmarks like a 3.0 grade point average and a 93 percent attendance rating. This collaboration is a great opportunity for our City and our future leaders!