

Sheff Agreement Extended By One Year

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An agreement has been reached to extend the Sheff v. O'Neill school education equity case by one year.

The Center for Children's Advocacy, the American Civil Liberties Union, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and cooperating attorney Wesley Horton came to the agreement Tuesday with the state Department of Education.

The stipulation includes several mandates. Among them: the state must fund the planning, development, and construction of four new magnet schools and one expanded magnet school.

In addition, three existing Hartford area public schools will be designated as magnet schools to meet capacity requirements.

Also, state technical high schools will expand capacity to enroll Hartford students.

Negotiations will begin immediately toward reaching a new agreement by October 1 of this year.

Sheff litigation started with the original lawsuit filed in 1989 alleging violations in the rights of Hartford students to an education equal to that of their suburban peers.

Seven years later, the state Supreme Court mandated the state provide all children with a substantially equal education opportunity.