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SOLOMON SCHECHTER DAY SCHOOL AND WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRESENT:

The State of the Dream: A Community Conversation about Diversity

In honor of Martin Luther King Day a conversation on diversity, religion and race

WHO: **Deacon Art Miller**, Director of the Office for Black Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Hartford; **Cheryl A. Sharp**, Deputy Director of the State of Connecticut, Commission on Human Rights; **Marji Lipshez-Shapiro**, Education Director for the Connecticut Office of the Anti-Defamation League.

Opening remarks by **West Hartford Public Schools Superintendent Thomas Moore** and **Andrea Kasper**, Head of School of Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford

WHAT: An evening of thoughtful conversation about where we are as a nation and a state in regards to civil rights. This panel conversation will highlight the perspective of three Connecticut leaders who have dedicated their lives to mutual respect, human rights and community education in the hopes of affecting change.

Following the speakers, **Professor Avinoam Patt** and **Philip D. Feltman** Professor of Modern Jewish History at the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Hartford, will moderate a conversation among the panelists which will culminate in a Q&A with the audience.

WHY: In honor of **Martin Luther King Day** the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford and West Hartford Public Schools will co-sponsor an important community conversation on diversity, religion and race. The program will examine how we, as a community, can engage in a civil discussion on difference and diversity, fostering respect for the beliefs of others and what role can educational, religious, and political institutions play in this process.

WHEN: Monday, January 19, 2015 from 7 -8:30 pm

WHERE: **Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford**

26 Buena Vista Road, West Hartford, CT

7:00pm.

This event is free and open to the public. Reservations required, please call 860-561-0700 or email rsvp@ssds-hartford.org.

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