

# **The 2550 Main Academy is Closing!**

## **Why?**

The State investigated a complaint about the 2550 Main Academy. The State decided that the 2550 Main Academy is NOT a “structured, therapeutic setting.” The school did not provide a good educational environment. Students did not get the education they should have. The State ordered Hartford to close the 2550 Main Academy.

## **Will Hartford open another “therapeutic school”?**

Hartford has said that it will not open another therapeutic school for the 2010-2011 school year.

Hartford now has to meet your child’s needs, as described in his Individual Education Plan, in a different way. Hartford should hold a school team meeting (a “PPT”) for your child in August to discuss your child’s new program and placement. In most cases, depending on your child’s needs, your child will either be placed back into a district high school or in an out-of-district private therapeutic school.

If you would like an attorney’s advice and representation as your child changes school, you should call Greater Hartford Legal Aid as soon as possible at 860-541-5045 to apply for assistance.

## **How will Hartford make up for last school year? How will my child catch up?**

If your child attended the 2550 Main Academy during 2009-2010, he may be able to get “compensatory education.” Compensatory education is extra education, tutoring, mentoring or job training to help to make up for a poor school program.

You should ask for “compensatory education” at your child’s next school team meeting (PPT).

If you would like an attorney’s advice and representation about compensatory education for your child, you should call Greater Hartford Legal Aid as soon as possible at 860-541-5045 to apply for assistance.