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**CREC Mission**: To work with boards of education of the capitol region to improve the quality of public education for all learners.

**History**: CREC began in 1966 as a grassroots organization of local school districts working together to solve common problems.

**About CREC Magnet Schools:** CREC Magnet Schools are diverse in theme, but united in purpose: that all of our students can and shall learn to their highest potential. CREC Magnet Schools believes that every student will be a CREC success story. CREC’s extraordinary results are only part of that story. Throughout Greater Hartford, CREC Magnet Schools create spaces where educators and students continually rediscover a love of learning. Our learning environments are uniquely conceived and designed to encourage innovation, exploration, and excitement of new knowledge.

**Students Served**: In 2015-2016, CREC Magnet Schools enrolled **8,350 students**. CREC Magnet Schools serve **27.95%** white students, **28.25%** black students, **33.09%** Hispanic students, and **48.53%** students eligible for free and reduced price lunch.

**Leadership**: Greg J. Florio, Ed.D., Executive Director  
 Dina Crowl, Superintendent of Schools

**School Facilities**: CREC manages more than 40 facilities, including 17 interdistrict magnet schools.

**Transportation**: CREC provides transportation services to 180 cities and towns and impacts more than 10,000 students each school year.

