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Thinking Outside The Box in Education and Economic Development: *Connecticut Promise Zones*

In 2005, the city of Kalamazoo, Michigan, began an unprecedented experiment in education and economic development that guarantees full college scholarships to potentially every graduate of the public school system. As a result, school enrollment and graduation rates are rising. The school population is becoming more racially integrated, and there has been a significant impact on the economy. The Connecticut State Legislature is currently considering a bill that would create a similar program called *Connecticut Promise Zones*. Come hear more about this groundbreaking idea and discuss its potential for Hartford and the region.

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Light Refreshments - 5:30 pm; Program - 6:00pm
Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street

Panelists:

Rosanne Druckman, Hartford Consortium for Higher Education
David Medina, Hartford Courant
State Representative Kelvin Roldan
Pamela Richmond, Hartford Board of Education

Moderator:

Hartford City Councilman Jim Boucher

Registration

This program is free, but registration is required. Space is limited! Please call or email:
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Information resources for this session are available at *HartfordInfo.org*. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and enter “**ct promise**” in the Google search box. Resources include, among others:

- Connecticut General Assembly Raised Bill No. 5611 to create the Connecticut Promise Zones program.
- February 28, 2008, letter from State Representative Kelvin Roldan describing the proposed Connecticut Promise Zones program.
- February 27, 2008, *Hartford Courant* opinion piece by David Medina.
- Link to the *Kalamazoo Promise* web site.
- Links to research and evaluation related to the Kalamazoo Promise conducted by the Upjohn Institute and Western Michigan University.
- Links to information on the economic impact of the Kalamazoo Promise.
- Links to press coverage of the Kalamazoo Promise and a similar effort in Pittsburgh.

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