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## News Release

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Subject: Schools of Choice Community Forums

Champaign Community Schools will hold three informational forums to discuss the Schools of Choice Program. Elementary school parents and guardians are encouraged to attend one of these meetings to hear more about Schools of Choice and the registration process.

Three community forums will be held:

- **Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church**, 1100 Broadmoor Drive in Champaign; (Parking lot located on the north side of the church.)
- Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Booker T. Washington STEM Academy, 606 East Grove Street, Champaign; (Parking available behind the school.)
- Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Barkstall Elementary, 2201 Hallbeck Drive, Champaign. (Parking located on the east side of the building.)

The forums will include a Showcase of Schools. This will provide an opportunity for parents and guardians to meet with individual school staff members and learn more about their programs.

**Families are invited to visit the elementary schools on Monday, January 9, 2012**, and Monday, February 6, 2012. The elementary schools will offer tours at 9:00 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. on these two days. Families are also invited to attend an open house and school tour on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., at any of the eleven elementary schools. Families unable to attend a scheduled open house or school tour should contact the Family Information Center for assistance with the Schools of Choice process.

Families of 5th grade students may visit the middle schools at open houses scheduled from 6:30-8:30 PM on the following dates: Jefferson – Tuesday, April 10, 2012; Edison – Thursday, April 12, 2012 and Franklin – Wednesday, April 11, 2011.

The Registration periods for the 2012-2013 school year have been set as follows:

- Registration for our magnet schools, B.T. Washington, Garden Hills & Stratton, takes place from January 23 to February 17, 2012. This is for new kindergarten students along with transfers in grades 1-5.
- Registration for incoming Kindergarten students only is scheduled for March 1-30, 2012.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade registration for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students at Stratton & Washington will take place April 9-13 2012. All other 5th graders will attend their assigned middle school and do not need to register at FIC.
- Elementary & Middle School Registration for 1st – 8th Grades will be scheduled for May 7-31, 2012.

To register, please visit the Family Information Center (FIC) located at 1103 North Neil Street in the historic Columbia School building. For more information, parents may contact the Champaign Unit 4 Schools Family Information Center at 217-351-3701.

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