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Transcript Recovery Underway for Butler and Sawyer School Students

HARTFORD, January 4, 2013 – The State of Connecticut’s Office of Higher Education is working with former Butler and Sawyer School officials to secure all student records from the school facilities which closed abruptly last weekend. The Office of Higher Education anticipates recovering most student records by the close of business on Monday, January 7.

Connecticut General Statutes require that the Office of Higher Education serve as the legal custodian of such records. At this time, the Office cannot give students a specific date for when copies of transcripts will be available; however, the state agency is making every effort to have records available as soon as possible. To learn when copies of transcripts will be available, students should visit www.ctoh.edu for updates. In addition, the agency is emailing information directly to students who have registered on its website.

The Office of Higher Education also is working with schools, colleges and other training providers in the Bridgeport, Hamden and Hartford regions to make arrangements for impacted Sawyer and Butler Business School students to complete their studies. This is known as a “**teach out**” option; more information on participating schools and programs will be made available as soon as possible.

The Office is making students aware that federal law provides that students impacted by school closures may be eligible to have their federal loans forgiven. Only those students who elect **NOT** to participate in the “teach out” arrangement may pursue this option. See <http://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation> for more information.

Impacted students who did not participate in federal student aid programs, but who have taken out personal loans to pay for studies at these schools, may be eligible for tuition reimbursement from the Connecticut Student Protection Fund.

Veterans and dependents of veterans impacted by the school closures should call the VA helpline (1-888-GIBILL-1), or use the “Ask a Question” feature on the www.GIBILL.va.gov website, to ensure their current enrollment for GI Bill educational benefits has been terminated with an effective date of December 30, 2012. To enter into a program at a different facility, please contact the School Certifying Official (SCO) and have VA-Form 22-1995, Request For Change of Program or Place of Training, completed and submitted to the VA Regional Processing Office in Buffalo, NY. For SCO contact information at facilities approved by the Connecticut State Approving Agency, please call 860-947-1816.

The Office of Higher Education encourages all students impacted by the school closures to register on its website at www.ctoh.edu, or to contact its Education & Employment Information Center at 1(800)842-0229 or edinfo@ctoh.edu

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