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Connecticut School of Broadcasting Students Urged to Contact Department of Higher Education for Advice on Completing Training & Tuition Refunds

HARTFORD, March 5 — In light of yesterday’s sudden closure of the Connecticut School of Broadcasting (CSB), the Connecticut Department of Higher Education, which regulates Connecticut’s career schools, is urging students to call its toll-free Hotline (**1-800-842-0229**) or go to **www.ctdhe.org** to register for tuition refunds and learn about options for completing their studies.

Credit Suisse, the school’s owner, notified students late yesterday about the shutdown. Department of Higher Education records show that last year, the CSB enrolled 225 students at its two Connecticut locations: 129 in Farmington, and 96 in Stratford. Students paid \$11,990 for 112 clocks hours of day and evening training in radio and television broadcasting. The Department is investigating the circumstances of the school’s closure, and is taking all necessary steps to help students complete their studies and/or obtain tuition refunds, including:

- Issuing a subpoena to the schools’ building landlords to obtain student records.
- Creating a webpage where students can file claims for payment reimbursement.
- Arranging for a “teach-out” of current students who wish to complete their studies.

“Our first interest is to protect students,” stated Michael P. Meotti, Commissioner of Higher Education. “We understand that many were set to graduate next week, and through no fault of their own, are suffering a major interruption in their career plans. Others may be worried about losing their money or paying back their student loans. Our agency does have a protocol in place for dealing with sudden school closures, and we will help students as quickly as possible.”

CSB is among the 89 private occupational schools and branches overseen by the Department of Higher Education. State law provides that any occupational school student who is unable to complete their course of study due to a school’s cessation of operation or insolvency and who has paid tuition may apply to the Department for a tuition refund from the state-established Private Occupational School Student Protection Account.

State statutes require that schools notify the Department 60 days prior to closure to provide for an orderly transition without harm to students. In this case, the owners of CSB closed the schools without notifying state officials.

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