In Expanding School Choice, Let’s Not Lose Sight of Asian American Students

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Last month, following over two decades of uneven progress toward school desegregation, state officials and civil rights attorneys agreed to a new plan for remedying racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic isolation in metropolitan Hartford’s public schools.

State officials, civil rights leaders, and the Sheff v. O’Neill plaintiffs are optimistic about the new agreement, which commits the state to expanding funding and student access to magnet schools and Open Choice options in order to broaden educational opportunities for Black and Latinx students in Hartford, thousands of whom, for years, have been denied access to limited school choice seats.