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### **Massachusetts Citizens to Share Views, Speak Out on *No Child Left Behind***

*Public hearing provides forum for parents, students, business and community leaders to discuss impact of NCLB on Bay State schools and communities*

On Wednesday, January 11, the YWCA Boston in partnership with Public Education Network (PEN), will host a public hearing to gain community input on how the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) is playing out in Massachusetts schools and communities. As NCLB enters its fifth year of implementation, the hearing will provide a forum for citizens to explore questions about the law, share ideas about how it is being implemented, and provide thoughts on what is working and what is not.

This hearing is one of ten public hearings being held throughout the country between now and winter 2006. The results of these hearings, in addition to testimony provided through an online survey at [www.GiveKidsGoodSchools.org](http://www.GiveKidsGoodSchools.org), will be published and distributed to key federal, state, and local decision makers, education leaders, and the media, and will include suggested changes and improvements to this far-reaching law.

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| <b>WHAT:</b>  | Public hearing to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss impact of NCLB on Bay State schools and communities</li><li>• Hear public views on: teacher quality; standards and accountability; and parent and community involvement</li><li>• Send a message to state leaders, Congress and the White House about what strong public education can and should look like</li></ul>  |
| <b>WHO:</b>   | Parent, student and community and business panels will be moderated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Wendy Puriefoy</b>, President, Public Education Network</li><li>• <b>Ellen Guiney</b>, Executive Director, Boston Plan for Excellence in the Public Schools</li><li>• <b>Janet Helms</b>, Institute for Study and Promotion of Race and Culture</li><li>• <b>Charlotte Kahn</b>, The Boston Indicators Project, The Boston Foundation</li><li>• <b>Peter Kiang</b>, Director, Asian American Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston</li><li>• <b>Paul Reville</b>, Executive Director, Rennie Center for Education Research and Policy, Harvard School of Education</li></ul> |
| <b>WHERE:</b> | Kuumba Library, Boston YWCA<br>140 Clarendon St.<br>Boston, MA 02116  |
| <b>WHEN:</b>  | <b>Wednesday, January 11, 2006 from 2:00 – 5:30 PM</b>  |

*\*Speakers and partners will be available for interviews following the event.*