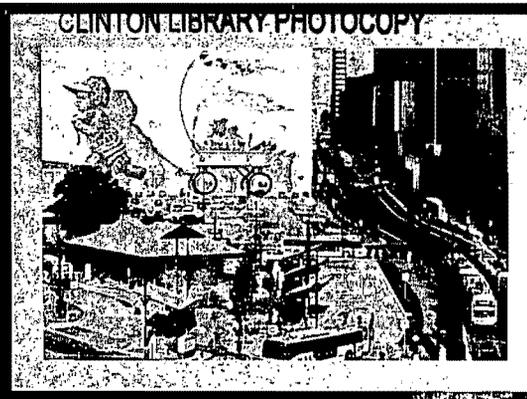


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May 30, 2000

Kendra Brooks
Executive Office of the President
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Subject: Early Childhood Support to Hispanic Education

Dear Ms. Brooks,

It was good to be with you last week at the White House planning of the Hispanic Education Summit. As I mentioned, enclosed is information of the department's Livable Communities efforts. One copy is for you and the other for sharing with an EOP colleague. The brochure identifies outcomes of federal transportation funds, like building day care/head start centers. It also identifies art projects at transit centers that enlisted parents and children (local students) to decorate the centers.

As examples, pages 18 and 19, describe the mosaic work at the Corpus Christi Transfer Center, day care, and medical and community services. On pages 26 and 27, similar day care centers are described for the Columbus, Ohio Transit Center. A good example of Livable Communities efforts that support Hispanics is the Oakland, California BART Fruitvale Transit Village described on pages 34 and 35. Working with the Spanish Speaking Unity Council, the department built a medical facility, Latin American library and a day care/Head Start center.

Currently, I am collecting more information of these kinds of centers throughout the nation that provide educational services, especially early childhood, to the Hispanic community. The key point that needs to be made is not so much what the department has done, but what can be done in the future. These centers are the results of local communities coming together with metropolitan planning organizations to request that transit-livable community federal funds be used to build, expand or maintain these centers. Without local communities applying for these funds, dollars will go to other livable community efforts. As a result, a key strategy for significantly improving Hispanic education is **Awareness-Awareness-Awareness**, getting the word out of what is available and how to go about accessing federal funds.

I look forward to being with you at the next planning meeting. If you have questions, please call, 202-493-0545, or e-mail me at <Edmundo.DeLeon@ost.dot.gov>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmundo DeLeon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Kendra and Ann,

It was good to be with you last week at the WH Hisp Edu Summit planning meeting. This message is a follow up to statements I made re. great panel members. For information regarding Neal Lane and the April 2000 report that highlights the role of Hispanics, see paragraph 8 below (starts out "Will the President and First Lady's) of a message I sent Irma Martinez.

You will also note in paragraph 9 that I described Appendix B of the report. As I mentioned at the meeting, it prescribes promising practices that increase the number of Hispanics who continue their education after high school. One of the practices was created by Sam Rodriguez who attended the meeting last week.

I recommend that Neal Lane be a panel member on Higher Education and join the President at the last panel session. I also suggest that you consider Sam Rodriguez as a panel moderator of the Higher Education workshop or as a panel member. He can describe the success of his program and how the feds, state-local governments, industry and business can implement similar programs.

The WH NSTC's report can be located on the WH OSTP web page.

Later this week, I will be sending more names of potential people that can serve as panel members or be great to invited to the strategy session.

If there is a meeting this week, please let me know the date, time and place.

Thanks for your help.

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