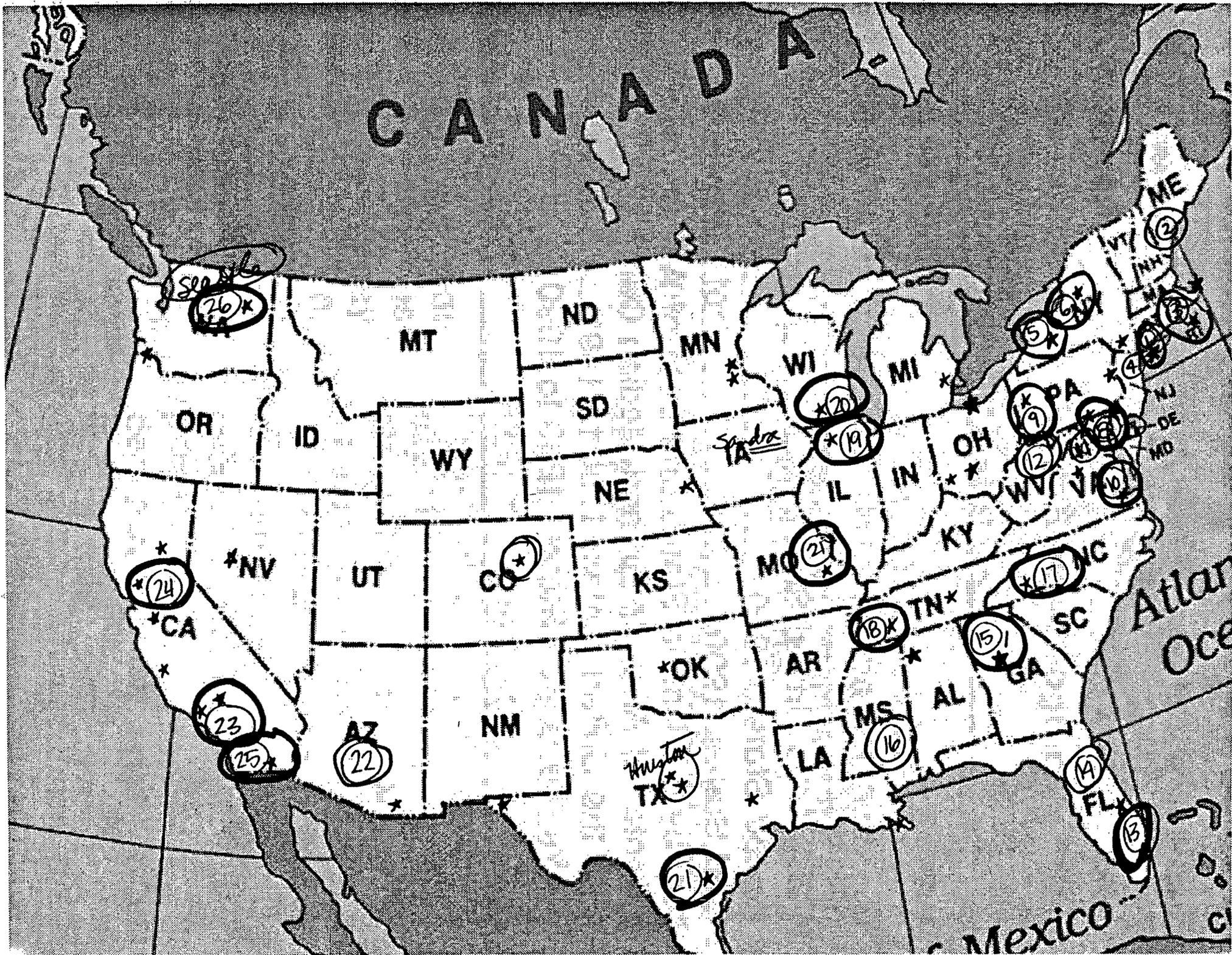
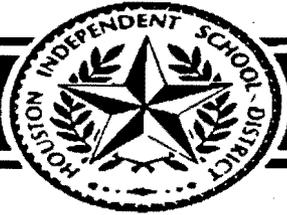




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School facility problems topic at teleconference

HISD's Paige, teacher among participants

By MELANIE MARKLEY
Houston Chronicle

Anderson Elementary teacher Virginia Nwube knows exactly what it is like to work at a large school campus that overflows with children.

Nwube's school in the Houston Independent School District has 1,570 students, and so many students use the cafeteria that children start lining up at 8:45 a.m. for lunch.

"This is a major issue concerning HISD as a whole," Nwube said in a nationwide teleconference Wednesday. "We do have a lot of overcrowding in our schools."

Nwube joined Houston Superintendent Rod Paige and a host of other school officials across the nation in a discussion of school facility problems with Vice President Al Gore and U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley.

The discussion coincided with President Clinton's announcement Wednesday in a Chicago school that the federal government should help school districts deal with crowded and dilapidated facilities.

Clinton has proposed federal tax credits to let school districts issue interest-free construction bonds. Officials say the incentives could gener-

ate \$22 billion in school construction and repairs at a 10-year cost of \$11 billion.

Leonard Sturm, HISD's deputy superintendent of finance, said his district could get tax credits of up to \$200 million if the proposal wins approval by the Republican-controlled Congress, which is likely to be difficult.

Even some Republicans serving on HISD's school board found it hard to lend wholehearted support to the proposal.

"If the federal government is going to send us some money for facilities, I think we should take it and welcome it," said Trustee Jeff Shadwick. "But at a time when we are trying to decentralize and return authority to parents, teachers and principals, Washington should butt out of education and recognize that education is a local issue."

However, Paige, who saw the defeat of a \$390 million bond proposal nearly two years ago, said he supports Clinton's plan.

"From my point of view as superintendent," he said, "I'm interested in fixing the facilities any way I can. So any help we can get, we'd be interested in."

April 9, 1998

Federal education official touts Clinton's education plan at Carrick

By Michelle Merlo
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Carrick High School - with a sagging 74-year-old building and "modern" annex that's nearly 25 years old - typifies many of the nation's public schools.

G. Mario Moreno, assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, said he saw the face of the community as he visited the Pittsburgh school Wednesday to tout President Clinton's plan for school renovation and construction projects supported by \$22 billion in interest-free bonds.

Moreno walked through crowded classrooms, peered into rust-flecked chemistry labs, and even got caught in the lunchtime rush of students scampering through a narrow hallway.

"You need to get out of the (Washington D.C.) beltway to see what's going on and I can clearly see a history lesson of the Carrick community by walking from one end of this school to the other," Moreno said.

Moreno also sat in on a roundtable discussion in the school library about the school board's planned \$26 million overhaul of the campus, which will begin in about a year whether or not the president's plan is passed into law.

There, Jason Godesky, a junior at Carrick, issued a sharp challenge to the school system.

"We all agree bettering public education is a good idea. Now, what are we willing to do about it?" Godesky asked.

One thing that will be done at Carrick is an initiative to make the site a model of environmental awareness.

Sponsored by the state Department of Environmental Protection and the American Institute of Architects, the High Performance School Project will make Carrick and its surrounding community a "Green Neighborhood."

Energy-efficient materials will be used in construction. The project also will also feature gardens, recycling programs, and measures to protect against unhealthy air circulation in the building.

The work is designed to save \$1 million in utility bills over five years. It should also lead to less absenteeism by staff and students, thanks to a healthier and more attractive environment, project planners contend.

School officials added they hope standards set in the environmental project will be used as a model throughout the state and nation.

After the discussion, the Carrick group participated in a national teleconference moderated by Vice President Al Gore, where similar clusters of school and community officials around the country had a chance to explain the structural decay of their own districts.

Clinton, meanwhile, visited a south Chicago elementary school yesterday to push for the school modernization segment of the 1999 fiscal year preliminary budget.

"This is not rocket science. This is taking care of our children," Clinton said.

"It is in the national interest to know that we have decent infrastructure for our schools, just as much as our national future depends upon a decent network of highways and a decent investment in mass transit."

The new proposal provides tax credits to offset interest payments when a district sells bonds for renovation or construction projects.

The plan earmarks \$19.4 billion to be divided over two years to the country's 100 school districts with the largest number of low-income children.

Up to 25 more districts identified as having a special need for the money, such as districts with a low level of resources for school construction or a high level of enrollment growth, also could receive the allocations.

Moreno said there is no cap on the amount of money a school district could receive. Pittsburgh is slated to get about \$62.7 million.

The second arm of the funding would distribute the balance of the funding, \$2.6 billion, equally among all states. The money would be distributed by the states, with the emphasis on districts not getting money from the low-income formula. Pennsylvania stands to get about \$444 million.

According to figures compiled by the U.S. Department of Education, the number of youngsters in primary and secondary public schools will increase by more than 2 million by the year 2006, creating a need for 6,000 new schools.

The U.S. Senate is expected to debate the school spending plan shortly after it returns from Easter recess April 20, Moreno said.

Regardless of what happens in Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh school Superintendent Dale Frederick said the push to modernize this city's schools will continue.

"We have to get Pittsburgh out of the box we've been in for so many years. There's a different way of doing things, from class schedules to the use of resources to providing more educational choices," Frederick said.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

LOCAL

1. Associated Press

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Gore to Hold Interactive Conference Call on School Construction

In response to Vice President Gore's call for a national dialogue on the condition of America's schools, cities across the country will hold forums to discuss the need for school improvements and modernization in their schools.

Vice President Gore and U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley will address these forums via conference call. Reporters may attend any of the forums listed below or dial a listen-only telephone line to hear this conversation.

The forums will focus on the need for building and modernizing local public schools as well as examples where newly built or modernized schools have made a positive impact on students, teachers, and the community. They will also provide

parents, teachers, and others with the opportunity to describe what they would like to see in their newly built or modernized schools.

The vice president will listen to these concerns and ideas, and he will discuss President Clinton's proposal to provide \$22 billion in interest free bond authority to build, renovate and modernize 5,000 public schools nationwide.

The discussions at these forums will be summarized, made public, and will be used at a national symposium on school design to be convened this fall by Vice President Gore and Secretary Riley. This symposium -- co-sponsored by a number of organizations representing educators and parents, the American Institute of

Architects, and the Getty Museum -- will bring together teachers, parents, students, architects, and others to talk about how schools can be built or modernized in ways that best meet the needs of local students and communities.

Cities holding school construction forums include: Wilmington, Del.; Miami, Fla.; Orlando, Fla.; Des Moines, Iowa; Chicago, Ill.; Portland, Maine; Baltimore, Md.; Salem, Mass.; Springfield, Mass.; Hattiesburg, Miss.; Paterson, N.J.; Spindale, N.C.; Buffalo, N.Y.; Rochester, N.Y.; Cleveland, Ohio; Pittsburgh, Penn.; Providence, R.I.; Potet, Texas; and Sterling, Va. (And Phoenix, Pacoima, Calif., and Houston.)■

2. Des Moines Register

April 8, 1998

Officials to have Gore's ear today

Polk County leaders, Des Moines school and city officials, and members of the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Federation have been invited to take part in a national telephone conference being hosted today by Vice President Al Gore and Education Secretary Richard Riley.

Gore and Riley will outline President Clinton's proposal to provide \$19.4 billion in bonding authority to local schools

districts to construct new buildings and to modernize old ones.

If the proposal is approved by Congress, Iowa would receive \$103 million, said Phil Roeder, Polk County spokesman.

For the past several years, the Des Moines school district has been searching for ways to pay for Vision 2005, a \$315 million school building improvement

plan.

Polk County Supervisor Tom Baker had been notified of the national forum, and "he thought it might provide part of the answer to Des Moines' funding" of Vision 2005, Roeding said.

Only a handful of the forum's participants including those from Polk County, will be able to ask questions of Gore and Riley, said Roeder.■

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NATION

Focusing on schools



RUTH FREMSON/The Associated Press

Arnaldo Gamboa, a third-grader at Carson School in Chicago, demonstrated a wind vane to President Clinton, who was in Chicago on

Wednesday to promote his plan to renovate and rebuild U.S. schools. Clinton's proposal calls for spending \$5 billion over five years.

Reed calls on a textbook case

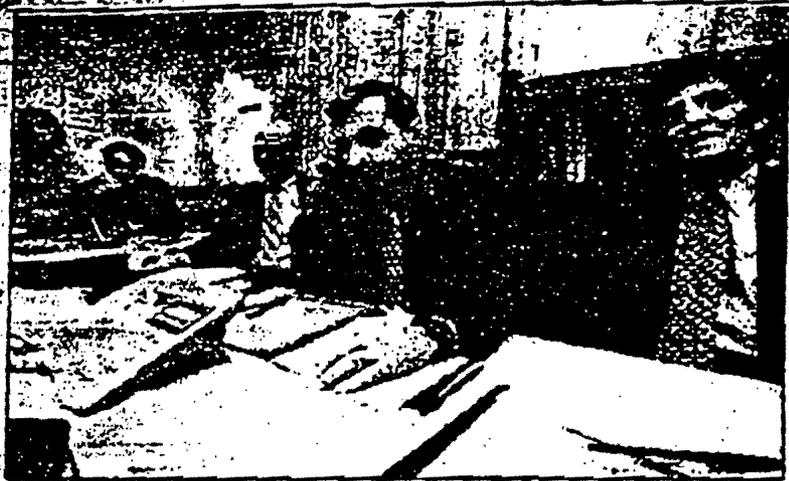
■ Gilbert Stuart is setting for a conference call on a federal school modernization bill.

By GINA MACRIS
Journal-Bulletin Staff Writer

PROVIDENCE — Supt. Arthur M. Zarrella stood in the bowels of Gilbert Stuart Elementary School yesterday, explaining to Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., how recent steam leaks from the aging boiler system had forced the building to close for a week, cost the city \$150,000 for repairs and caused much stress for students, parents and teachers.

"Every time you close a building because of a health hazard, there's a morale problem," Zarrella told the senator. "It's

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OUT OF ORDER: Sen. Jack Reed, center, used a cellular phone for a conference call with Vice President Al Gore yesterday when the office phone failed. At right is Gerald Tirozzi, assistant secretary of education.

Reed

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hard to recapture that spirit."

Reed later recounted the problems of Gilbert Stuart as part of a 22-city conference call hosted by Vice President Al Gore from Washington to call attention to a Clinton administration bill that would pump nearly \$20 billion into school construction and modernization over the next two years.

Of that total, Providence would get \$40 million and the state would get an additional \$30 million, said Reed, a co-sponsor of the bill. Sen. Carol Mosely-Braun, D-Ill., is the principal sponsor.

The new federal financing would pay for interest on school construction bonds; local entities would still be responsible for the principal.

In Rhode Island, the state shoulders much of school construction costs, reimbursing cities and towns for 71 percent of the principal and interest on borrowed money.

In the telephone conference call, Reed talked about leaks in the roof of Gilbert Stuart and the ventilation system that is taped shut to prevent mold and mildew from escaping into classrooms.

Gilbert Stuart is slated for \$850,000 in renovations this summer to modernize the heating and venti-

lation system and convert the building into a middle school.

During the conference call, officials in other cities told of crumbling schools throughout the nation.

Reed listened in a first-floor office, along with a federal assistant secretary of education, Peter McWalters, Rhode Island's commissioner of education, Zarrella, Gilbert Stuart Principal Mercedes Torres, and about 25 other officials, parents, and other proponents of public education.

Schools the worst

Nationwide, 14 million children attend inadequate schools, Reed said.

"We say the schools are important, and the kids are important, yet we're not investing in the school infrastructure," he said.

Schools are in the worst condition of any public infrastructure in the country, he said.

A report from the General Accounting Office says the nation needs \$120 billion just to bring existing schools up to fire and safety codes, Reed said. In Providence alone, the amount needed for that purpose is \$112 million, according to Robert Troiano, executive director of the Providence Public Buildings Authority, who attended the press conference.

Gerald Tirozzi, assistant secretary of education, said the school

modernization bill does not address the needs of 3 million new students who will be entering school each year for the next decade.

Reed said the school modernization bill should be passed with the same enthusiasm usually accorded highway construction.

"In my view, it's more important who's driving on those highways in 2020 than whether we have highways," Reed said.

Reed criticized Republicans who last week turned down a request from the Clinton administration to divert funds from the tobacco settlement to school modernization.

"For political reasons, they don't want to do it," he said. "maybe because it's a presidential initiative; maybe because it's an election year."

In the meantime, local taxpayers, especially home owners, are overburdened with the cost of school construction, he said.

"That's why we're all here," he said. "We want to get a real fervor going."

But Reed cautioned that school construction needs today are different than they were in the aftermath of World War II, when veterans were starting families.

Today the baby boomers of that era are aging, and initiatives like school construction need the support of grandparents if they are to

Portland (Maine) Press Herald

April 9, 1998 Category: Local

Gore pushes for thousands of new schools

By Peter Pochna

Vice President Al Gore talked by phone to school officials in Portland and about 20 other communities around the country Wednesday to rally support for a federal program that would build thousands of new schools.

The legislation that the U.S. Senate is considering would provide \$20 billion worth of interest-free loans to finance about 5,000 school construction projects.

In Maine, the bill would finance about \$62 million worth of projects. The money would be critical for a school construction program that the Maine Legislature approved Tuesday.

At the conference call with Gore, Portland school officials said funding from the state and federal programs is critical for the city's plan to renovate 12 elementary schools ranging in age from 20 to 100 years.

A group of about 25 school officials, parents, students and others crammed shoulder to shoulder into a small, stuffy conference room at King Middle School to talk with the vice president.

The conference call included school groups in 23 other communities, from Salem, Mass., to Miami, Fla., to Pacoima, Calif.

Gore promoted President Clinton as leading the way in a school

construction reform effort that will provide educators with the buildings they need to meet the educational challenges of the next century.

"The president has demonstrated tremendous, indeed historic, leadership in making education this nation's top priority," Gore said.

Gore spoke directly with the group at King Middle School for about four minutes. Michael McCarthy, the principal at King, told Gore that a massive renovation of the school in 1995 exemplifies how a better learning environment helps students learn.

City Councilor Nick Mavodones Jr. told Gore, "There's no more pressing need for the city of Portland than the renovation of our elementary schools."

Portland school officials hope that an influx of state and federal money will end the city's need to fund school construction projects on its own.

Most towns that build schools do so with the help of state money. But all of the \$35 million that Portland has spent on school construction in the past 15 years has come from local property taxes.

Portland has not qualified for state aid primarily because it has the largest tax base in Maine, which makes the state assume the city can fund the projects on its own.

Superintendent Mary Jane MacCalmon said the city probably will not be able to fund the elementary school renovations on its own. She said that, under the new state and federal programs, the city will get some help.

"Portland will benefit from this, and benefit soon," she said.

In fact, all of Maine would benefit from the federal school construction bill, said Jim Rjer Jr., chairman of the Maine Board of Education.

Rier, the principal author of Maine's school construction bill, said the timing of the federal legislation fits perfectly with the state legislation.

The Maine bill calls for spending \$20 million to renovate a growing number of schools that are overcrowded and have safety problems such as leaky roofs, poor ventilation and inadequate fire safety systems.

Maine educators consider the bill as just a first step toward getting \$100 million to repair schools statewide by 2000. The federal money would give the state a big boost toward reaching that goal.

"If we can get \$62 million at zero percent interest from the federal government, that would help tremendously," Rier said. "We would be able to proceed with the school projects that are very important to this state." ■

Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle

April 9, 1998 Category: Local

Janey pushes Clinton school plan

He tells Gore that Rochester needs \$223 million for repairs, modernization

By Greg Livadas

Staff writer

Rochester School

Superintendent Clifford Janey hopes aging School 16, built in 1910, will share in \$22 billion proposed to renovate and modernize schools nationwide.

Janey was one of more than 20

school officials from across the country who spoke via speaker phone yesterday with Vice President Al Gore to stress the need for the federal money.

"Merely bringing our old buildings up to par would cost \$173 million," Janey told Gore. "In addition, it will cost \$50 million to update all our

science and technology facilities. But annually, we are able to allocate only \$18 (million) to \$20 million to address both the renovation and updating work."

Under the School Modernization Bond initiative proposed by President Clinton, the federal government would issue \$19.4 billion in

15-year bonds over the next two years. Half of the money would be given to the 100 school districts with the largest number of children from low-income families, including Rochester.

"This program is greatly needed for the sake of the children" and the country's future, Gore said.

An additional \$2.4 billion would fund improvements in schools with at least 35 percent of students eligible for free or reduced lunches:

Under the bill before Congress, Rochester schools would receive \$58.4 million; Buffalo schools, \$83.4 million; and New York City schools, \$1.6 billion.

"We need to treat this as a national security issue, both with intensity and concentration," Janey said.

He said the average age of the 51 Rochester schools is 54.

More than \$1.5 million will be spent on School 16 this summer to upgrade exhaust systems, replace

ventilators and remodel classrooms.

"If we let these buildings deteriorate, it's going to cost more in the long run," School 16 principal Diana Hernandez said.

Janey also invited Gore to come to "sunny Rochester" to be a teacher, principal or superintendent for a day.

"I will be there soon, no doubt," Gore said. ■

SCHOOL MODERNIZATION DAY

-- Ideas for Being a Part of the National Effort --

Here are some ideas for how you can be a part of the national effort on September 8 to educate the public about the importance of modernizing our schools through construction and renovation, smaller class sizes with well-qualified teachers, and up-to-date technology.

1) Define the local angle for your community

What are the needs that you face in your community? Are aging buildings failing to address the needs of students? Are class sizes too large to provide children with the individual help they need to succeed? Is school enrollment increasing or changing in ways that require new construction? Could better access to technology improve teaching and learning? What efforts already exist in your community that address these challenges that you face? What more can be done to help every student learn to his or her potential?

2) Highlight Needs and/or Successes

There are many different ways that you can call attention to the challenges you face locally. Consider any one or more of the following:

- ▶ Conduct a tour of an overcrowded or aging facility.
- ▶ Release estimates of the construction and renovation costs of area schools over the coming years, in order to meet enrollment increases and/or achieve the goal of reduced class size.
- ▶ Conduct a tour of a model learning environment, such as a new or refurbished school or classroom.
- ▶ Hold a panel discussion, town meeting, or forum, with teachers, parents, administrators and others relating their views and experiences with smaller class sizes, technology for learning, classroom design.
- ▶ Demonstrate what a science teacher -- and student -- can do if they have the right facilities and equipment.
- ▶ Demonstrate how technology can help teachers teach and students learn.

3) Link by Satellite with President Clinton

Arrange your activity so that your participants can link with the national effort by satellite. President Clinton will address all of the sites from approximately 2:15 until 2:45 p.m. Eastern time. [INSERT COORDINATES AND/OR REGISTRATION PROCEDURE].

4) Involve the Community

Invite the community to participate: business and community leaders, parents, teachers, principals, superintendents, mayors and other local elected officials, Members of Congress, state legislators, and local newspapers and broadcasters.

Develop suggestions for ways that the community can help address the problems that you highlight.

5) Follow Up

Keep track of who participated in your event, so that you can seek their advice, and keep them apprised of the progress that is being made in addressing your local needs:

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REGION I: CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT: SRR Jan Paschal; phone 617-223-9317; fax 617-223-9324					
Meridan, CT	AFT, NEA, Rep. Maloney, VP (?)	AFT	Confirmed	Thomas Bruenn, President, Meriden Fed. Of Teachers 203-634-8830 work P6/(b)(6) fax 203-634-8830	
Middletown, CT	AFT, Rep. Gejdenson	AFT	Confirmed Registered	Kathy Galligher, President Middletown Federation of Teachers 81 Old Ponssett Road Haddam, CT 06438 P6/(b)(6) fax 860-345-8007	Snow School (preK-5) Middletown, CT Description: This is a newly rebuilt school. Rep. Gejdenson will tour the school and talk with students and teachers about how the new school has improved learning.
Hartford, CT	NEA, AFT, House, Senate, Gerry Tirozzi (DOE)	AFT	Pending	Leo Canty, Vice President Connecticut Federation of Teachers 860-249-7629 fax 860-257-8214 Cheryl Daniels, President Hartford Federation of Teachers 860-257-9782	
Attleborough, MA	NEA, House	NEA	Pending		
Boston, MA	AFT, CGCS	AFT	Confirmed	Ed Doherty, President BTU 617-288-2000 fax 617-288-0024	
Haverhill, MA	NEA, AFT, Rep. Tierney	NEA	Confirmed	NEA: Mary Sarris Executive Director Lynn Business Education Partnership 781-592-5599 781-593-0561 fax AFT: Joseph Gauvin, President, Local 1037 Lynn Teachers Union 781-599-5591 fax 781-599-5594	

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Pawtucket, RI	AFT	AFT	Confirmed	Robin Yates Central Falls Teachers Union 105 Vancouver Ave. Warwick, RI 02886 w: 401-727-6153 P6/(b)(6) no fax	
Warwick, RI	Rep. Robert Weygand	Rep. Weygand	Pending		
REGION II: NJ, NY, PR, VI: SRR John Mahoney; phone 212-637-6284; fax 212-264-4427					
Paterson, NJ	AIA, PEN, Rep. Pascrell, Mayor	AIA	Confirmed Registered	Harold Lichtman, AIA President 7808 Hainses Rd. Cheltenham, PA 19012 215-635-6018 fax 215-782-8730 PEN: Irene Sterling 973-881-8914 fax 973-279-0059	Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School 823 E. 28th Street Paterson, NJ 07514 Description: Recently renovated school.
Newark (?), NJ	Sen. Lautenberg, Rep. Menendez	Rep. Menendez	Confirmed	Menendez: Hal Connolly 202-225-7919 fax 202-226-0792	
Hempstead, NY (Long Island)	AFT, Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, State Legislators	AFT	Confirmed	David Israel, NYSUT	Roosevelt School (NO DOWNLINK) Hempstead, NY
New York City, NY (Brooklyn), (Queens)	AFT, AIA	AIA	Confirmed	Barbara Nadel, AIA 69-39 Yellowstone Boulevard, Suite 419 Forest Hills, NY 11375 718-793-7106 fax 718-544-7653	Forest Hills High School (tentative) 67-01 110th St. Forest Hills, NY 11375 Description: 1950's style school in Queens that needs renovation to fit late 1990's needs.

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New York City, NY (Bronx)	AFT, Rep. José Serrano	AFT	Confirmed	Tom Murphy (Jake Herring) UFT 212-777-7500 fax 212-475-2320	
New York City, NY (Bronx)	AFT, Rep. Eliot Engel	AFT	Confirmed	Tom Murphy (Jake Herring) UFT 212-777-7500 fax 212-475-2320	
Binghamton, Ithaca, NY (Earlier event in Hudson, NY)	NEA, AFT, House, Senate, Rep. Maurice Hinchey, Scott Fleming (ED)	AFT	Confirmed	Carol Slotkin 914-583-5389 fax 914-583-5408	
Rochester, NY	AFT, CGCS, Supt. Clifford Janey, Mayor (?)	CGCS	Confirmed Registered	Barbara Jarzyniecki, Exec. Director Public Engagement and Communications Services Rochester City School District 131 West Broad Street Rochester, NY 14614 716-262-8729 fax 716-263-3225	East High School 1801 Main Street E. Rochester, NY
Buffalo, NY	CGCS, Mayor Anthony Masiello, PEN	CGCS	Confirmed	CGCS: Mel Austin, Assoc. Superintendent for Plant Services and School Planning (James Harris, Superintendent) 716-851-3560 fax 716-851-3527 PEN: Cara Rosenthal, Executive Director, Education Fund for Greater Buffalo 712 Main St. Buffalo, NY 14202 716-843-8895 fax 716-852-2861	

REGION III: DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV: SRR W. Wilson Goode; phone 202-401-0419; fax 202-401-8552

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Silver Spring, MD	Rep. Al Wynn.	Rep. Wynn	Confirmed	Kim Ayers. 202-225-8699 fax 202-225-8714	
Baltimore, MD	Rep. Elijah Cummings	Rep. Cummings	Confirmed	Kymberly Graves 202-225-4741	
Philadelphia, PA	AFT, House	AFT	Confirmed	Jerry Jordan, Asst. to the President Philadelphia Federation of Teachers 215-587-6738 fax 215-865-1903	
Philadelphia, PA	AFT, House	AFT	Confirmed Registered	Jerry Jordan, Asst. to the President Philadelphia Federation of Teachers 215-587-6738 fax 215-665-1903 Barbara Grant School District of Philadelphia 21st Street South of the Parkway Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-299-7823 fax 215-299-4687	Audenreid High School Philadelphia, PA
Phildaelphia, PA	AFT, House	AFT	Confirmed	Jerry Jordan, Asst. to the President Philadelphia Federation of Teachers 215-587-6738 fax 215-665-1903	
New Castle, PA	AFT	AFT	Confirmed	Phil Lasky, President John Schultz, Staff Newcastle Federation of Teachers 724-654-3759 fax 412-390-2481	
Virginia Beach City Public Schools, VA	DOE	DOE	Pending		

REGION IV: AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN: SRR Stanley Williams; phone 404-562-6225; fax 404-562-6520

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Miami, FL (Dade County)	DOE, AFT, CGCS, Senate	CGCS	Confirmed	CGCS: Eric Parker, Chief Officer of Legislative and Governmental Affairs, and Iriada Mendez Legislative and Labor Relations Office Miami/ Dade County Public Schools 1450 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Room 552 Miami, FL 33132 305-995-1525 fax 305-995-2375 AFT: Elsa Lopez, United Teachers of Dade 305-854-0220 fax 305-856-9157	
Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Broward County)	DOE, AFT, CGCS	CGCS	Confirmed	Sisty Walsh, Director of Community Relations Broward County Public Schools 600 Souteast 3rd Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 954-765-6274 fax 954-760-7367	
Jacksonville, FL	AFT	AFT	Confirmed	Andy Ford, Pres. Duval Teachers United 904-396-4063 fax 904-396-9389	
Panama City, FL	Rep. Allen Boyd, Jr.	Rep. Allen Boyd, Jr.	Pending		
Gwinnett County School District, GA	DOE	DOE	Pending		
Thomasville, GA	NEA, Rep. Sanford Bishop, Senate, Governor	NEA	Confirmed	NEA? Rep. Bishop: Roxanne Burnham 202-225-3631 fax 202-225-2203	

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Atlanta, GA	Rep. John Lewis, Mayor Bill Campbell	Rep. Lewis	Confirmed	Elizabeth Douglas and Jack Pannell 229 Cannon House Office Building 202-225-3801 fax 202-225-0351	
Frankfort, KY	Mayor Bill May	Mayor Bill May	Pending		
Lexington, KY	DOE	DOE	Pending		
Raleigh, Chapel Hill, NC	NEA, AIA, Reps. Etheridge and Price, Senate (?)	AIA	Confirmed Registered	Paul Boney, AIA, CEO Boney Architects, Inc. 2528 Independence Boulevard, Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28412 910-790-9901 fax 910-790-3111	Enloe High School 128 Clarendon Crescent Raleigh, NC 27610 919-856-7918/7917 Description: Recently renovated to accomodate new technology, but maintains its historical integrity.
Charlotte, NC	AIA, NEA, House, Senate	Confirmed		Paul Boney, AIA, CEO Boney Architects, Inc. 2528 Independence Boulevard, Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28412 910-790-9901 fax 910-790-3111	
Beaufort, SC	AIA; Superintendent, school board; students; local, State and Fed. officials	AIA	Confirmed Registered	Tom Hund, AIA, President South Carolina AIA 24 Market Street, Suite 300 Charleston, SC 29401 843-577-4444 fax 843-722-4789	Shanklin Elementary School 121 Morrall Drive Burton, SC 29906 Description: First technologically integrated school in Beaufort; award-winning design. Town meeting will focus on importance of educational technology. County passed \$129m bond in 1995 to build 10 schools.
Knox County School District, TN	DOE	DOE	Pending		

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Memphis, TN	Rep. Harold Ford, Jr., PEN	Rep. Ford	Confirmed	Hilary Belitsky 202-225-3265 PEN: Sonja Walker 901-682-8100 fax 901-682-7004	
REGION V: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI: SRR Stephanie Jones; phone 312-886-8222; fax 312-353-5147					
Chicago, IL	AFT, CGCS, Mayor, Senate	CGCS	Confirmed	CGCS: Chuck Pizer, Consultant to Chicago Public Schools 202-783-0911 fax 202-783-3524 AFT: Diane Sheffer 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza Suite 400 Chicago, IL 60654 312-329-9100 fax 312-329-6200	
Quad Cities, IL	NEA, AFT, House, Senate, Rep. Lane Evans	Rep. Lane Evans	Confirmed	Steve Vetzner 2335 Rayburn House Office Building 202-225-5905 fax 202-225-5395	
Urbana, IL	Norma Cantu, DOE	DOE	Confirmed Registered	Jim Hamilton, Director of Distance Learning, U of I 54 Mumford Hall, MC710 1301 West Gregory Dr. Urbana, IL 61801 217-333-7118 fax 217-244-7503	
Evansville, IN	NEA, House	NEA	Confirmed		
Indianapolis, IN	Julia Carson, NEA	NEA	Confirmed		

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Indianapolis, IN	CGCS	CGCS	Confirmed	CGCS: Karen Tucker Programming Coordinator Indianapolis Public Schools 931 Fletcher Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46203 317-226-4141 fax 317-226-4950	CGCS: Center for Instruction of Radio and Television Programming Coordinator Indianapolis Public Schools 931 Fletcher Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46203
Oakland County, MI	AFT, CGCS, House, Senate	AFT	Confirmed	Tom Gennete, President, Lamphere Federation of Teachers 313-822-3009 fax 248-589-2618	
Ann Arbor, MI	DOE	DOE	Pending		
McArthur, (Appalachia), OH	AIA	AIA	Confirmed Registered	Cindy Taylor Capstone Communications 6849 Old Dominion Drive, Suite 223 McLean, VA 22101 703-288-9191 fax 703-228-9194	Vinton County High School 3607 West High Street McArthur, OH 45651-1093 704-596-5258 740-596-3003 fax Description: Located in Appalachia, 60 miles southeast of Columbus. Predecessor to Vinton was featured on Bill Moyer's <i>Children in America's Schools</i> as deteriorating school. New school opens in fall of 2000.
Cleveland, OH	AFT, PEN, Rep. Kucinich (?)	AFT	Pending	Merrill Johnson, CTU local 297 216-861-7676 x16 fax 216-861-4113 PEN: Deborah Howard, Executive Director Cleveland Education Fund 1422 Euclid Avenue, Suite 1550 Cleveland, OH 44115-2001 216-566-1136 fax 216-566-1230	AFT?

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Cleveland, OH	Mayor Mike White	Mayor White (?)	Pending		
Cincinnati, OH	NEA, AFT, House	AFT	Confirmed	Tom Mooney, President Cincinnati Federation of Teachers 513-961-2272 fax 513-961-0629	
Columbus, OH	House, Senate, NEA, Mrs. Gore (T)	NEA	Pending	Mrs. Gore: Jennifer Devlin 456-6655	
Columbus, OH	CCSSO	CCSSO	Confirmed Registered	John Rochester, Governmental Relations Ohio Department of Education 65 South Front Street, Room 810 Columbus, OH 43215-4183 614-466-3125 fax 614-644-5960	Department of Administrative Services Teleconference Room Columbus, OH
Middlefield, OH	AFT, Rep. Sherrod Brown	AFT	Confirmed	Mike Fulton, buckeye Local Education Asso. #4595 330-723-1045 no fax	
Anywhere in WI	Sen. Feingold	Sen. Feingold	Pending	Amy Maloney 202-224-5323 fax 202-224-2725	
Racine, WI	NEA, House	NEA	Pending		
Madison, WI	Mayor, Superintendent, school board, teachers union, PTA, Univ. of WI School of Educ., United Way, local Chamber of Comm., realtors, business leaders, citizens	Mayor	Confirmed	Brenda Perry Mayor Sue Bauman's office 210 Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd. Madison, WI 53710 608-266-4611 fax 608-266-4611	School Administration Building Madison, WI Description: Event will begin with tour of older school buildings to illustrate need for improvement. After downlink, will have panel discussion. School board may submit referendum to invest in maintenance and repair programs.
Wausau, WI	AFT	AFT	Confirmed	Bill Kalin, WTF Staff Derick Symington, Presidnet 715-399-2725 fax 715-399-2725	

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Green Bay, WI	NEA, Rep. Jay Johnson, Senate	NEA	Confirmed		
Green Bay, WI	Superintendent	Supt.	Confirmed Registered	Christine Rogers CESA 7 ILS 1331 Packerland Drive Green Bay, WI 54304 920-492-2678 fax 920-492-2728	CESA 7 Interactive Learning Services Green Bay, WI
REGION VI: AR, LA, NM, OK, TX: SRR Sally Cain; phone 214-880-3011; fax 214-880-2433					
Little Rock/Conway, AR	House, Senate, DOE	DOE	Pending		
Springdale, AR	DOE, PTA	DOE	Confirmed Registered	Don Johnson Arkansas PTA 420 North West End Springdale, AR 72762 501-750-8859 fax 501-750-8861	Jones Center for Families Springdale, AR
Baton Rouge, LA	AFT, House, NSBA, NEA	AFT	Confirmed	David Lovely, President, East Baton Rouge Fed. Of Teachers 504-926-5087 fax 504-926-5199	
Albuquerque, NM	AFT, NEA, House	AFT	Confirmed	Don Whatley, President, Albuquerque Teachers Union 505-262-2657 fax 505-262-1967*2	

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Little Axe (Oklahoma City), OK	AIA, Superintendent, elected officials, community reps.	AIA	Confirmed Registered	Melissa S. Hunt, Executive Director AIA Central OK Chapter 3000 General Pershing Blvd., #4 Oklahoma City, OK 73107 405-948-7174 fax 405-948-7397	Little Axe School Little Axe, OK 2000 168th Avenue, NE Norman, OK 73071-9010 405-447-0913/405-579-2929 Description: Rural school 40 miles southeast of OK City. Native American population, grades 1-12. In disrepair with poor infrastructure, temporary buildings, and no auditorium.. Community does not have resources to fund renovations. Will tour facility and hold roundtable discussion.
Oklahoma City, OK (Will be on September 10 and 11)	RAS	RAS	Confirmed	Joyce Henderson, Oklahoma City Public Schools 900 N. Klein, P.O. Box 25428 Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0428 405-297-6444 fax 405-297-6503	Will do tour of school facilities throughout district on September 10 and 11.
Austin, TX	AIA	AIA	Confirmed Registered	Jaime Beaman, AIA, (president-elect 1998) AIA Austin CasaBella Architects 702 West 34th Street Austin, Texas 78705-2205 512-458-5700 fax 512-458-5755	Joe D. Mills Elementary Austin, TX Description: A new school and success story.
Crockett, TX	DOE	DOE	Confirmed Registered	Dorman Jackson Crockett ISD 704 Burnet Crockett, TX 75835 409-544-2125 fax 409-544-5727	Crockett ISD Crockett, TX

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El Paso, TX	Rep. Silvestre Reyes	AFT	Confirmed	<p>AFT: Frances Weaver, President Vicki Crase, TFT Organizer El Paso Federation of Teachers 915-562-3738 fax 915-562-3767</p> <p>Reyes: Perry Finney 514 Cannon House Office Building 202-225-4831 fax 202-225-2016</p>	
Houston School District, TX	AFT, AIA, RAS, Rep. Bentsen et al	AFT	Confirmed Registered	<p>AFT: Gayle Fallon, President, HFT 713-623-8891</p> <p>RAS: Larry Yawn, Asst. Superintendent for District Development 3830 Richmond Avenue Houston, TX 77027 713-892-6532 fax 713-892-7993</p> <p>AIA: Martha Murphree, Executive Director AIA Houston 3000 Richmond Ave., Suite 500 Houston, TX 77098-3111 713-520-5134 fax 713-520-0155</p>	<p>AIA: Grissom Elementary School (NO DOWNLINK) 4900 Simsbrook Drive Houston, TX 77045 713-434-5660 713-434-5664 fax Description: Bond elections have failed and most schools are in disrepair.</p>
San Antonio, TX	AFT	AFT	Confirmed	<p>Tom Cummins, President (Shelley Potter) Bexar County Federation of Teachers 210-227-8083 fax 210-227-6523</p>	
<p>REGION VII: IA, KS, MO, NE: SRR Sandra Walker; phone 816-880-4000; fax 816-891-0578</p>					

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Waterloo, IA	Mayor John Rooff, Superintendent	Mayor John Rooff	Confirmed Registered	Sharon Miller, Director of School and Community Relations Waterloo Community Schools. 1516 Washington Street Waterloo, IA 50702 319-291-4810 fax 319-291-4897	Education Service Center Waterloo, IA
Des Moines, IA	NEA, House, Senate	NEA	Pending		
Kansas City, KS	NEA, House	NEA	Pending		
St. Louis, MO	AIA, St. Louis Public Schools, AFT (?), Rep. Clay (?)	AIA	Confirmed Registered	Ruth Wood-Steed, Manager, Kennedy Associates Inc. One Metropolitan Square 211 North Broadway, Suite 1900 St. Louis, MO 63102 314-241-8188 x207 fax 314-241-0125	Samuel Shepard, Jr. Gateway Educational Park 1200 North Jefferson Avenue St. Louis, MO 63106 314-241-2295 Description: 3-school math, science and technology magnet school complex. 3-year old complex. Community businesses and organizations contribute to teacher training and work with students. Located in Western St. Louis, just north of St. Louis University.
REGION VIII: CO, MN, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY: SRR Lynn Simons; phone 303-844-3544; fax 303-844-2524					
Boulder, CO	Governor, House	Governor	Pending		
Denver, CO	DOE, Rep. Diana DeGette, Mayor (?)	DOE	Confirmed	Rep. DeGette: Shannon Goode 202-225-4431 fax 202-225-5657	

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Apple Valley, MN	AIA, Trish McNeil (ED)	AIA	Confirmed Registered	Kathy Tait Cunningham Group 201 Main Street, SE, Suite 325 Minneapolis, MN 55414 612-379-3400 fax 612-379-4400	School of Environmental Studies, Minnesota Zoological Gardens 12155 Johnny Cake Ridge Road Apple Valley, MN 55124 612-431-8750, phone 612-431-8755, fax Description: 12 miles south of Minneapolis-St. Paul. School uses unique approach to district-wide planning using smaller schools to help the district ease into growth.
Buffalo, MN	Rep. Minge (?), Senate, AFT	AFT	Confirmed	Diane O'Brien, Public Affairs Director Minnesota Fed of Teachers 651-292-4818 fax 651-292-4868	
Turtle Mountain Community School, ND	RAS, Earl Pomeroy, Senate	RAS (OCRE)	Confirmed	Duane Poitra PO Box 440 Belcourt, ND 58316 701-477-6471 x213 no fax	Turtle Mountain Community School Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation Belcourt, ND (near Canada) Description: Tour 3 schools – 2 success stories, 1 in need of improvement. School enrollment is growing, and they're running out of space. Schools and Superintendent will give presentations followed by a discussion and viewing of the President's address. Plan to have 30-40 people, including school board, administrators, state reps, and press.
Sioux Falls, SD	DOE	DOE	Pending		

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Salt Lake City, UT	NEA, AIA, House	AIA	Confirmed Registered	Steve Crane, AIA. Valentiner Crane Brunjes Onyon Architects 524 South 600 East Salt Lake City, UT 84102 801-575-8800 fax 801-531-9850	Horizonte Instruction and Training Center 1234 South Main Street Salt Lake City, UT 84101 801-578-8574 801-578-8577 fax Description: School is a renovated office that was converted into an innovative learning center with emphasis on adult learning and computer access and training.
Price, UT	College of Eastern Utah	College of E. Utah	Confirmed Registered	Rich McCormick College of Eastern Utah 451 E 400 N. Price, UT 84501 435-637-4102	College of Eastern Utah Price, UT
REGION IX: AS, AZ, CA, GU, HI, NV, CNMI: SRR Loni Hancock; phone 415-437-7520; fax 415-437-7540					
Pinon/Navajo Reservation, AZ	AIA	AIA	Confirmed Registered	Jodie Brooks, Executive Director, AIA Albuquerque 215 Gold Avenue, SW, Suite 102 Albuquerque, NM 87102 505-244-3737 fax 505-244-3756	Pinon Community School Navajo Route 4 Pinon, AZ 86510 520-725-3234 Description: School on Navajo reservation in Northeast corner of AZ, with 4 kindergarten classrooms and a dormitory for 350 students.
Los Angeles, CA	AFT, Rep. Brad Sherman, Day Higuchi (UTLA President), Superintendent (?)	AFT	Confirmed	AFT: Mike Cherry, AFT President 3303 Wilshire Boulevard 10th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90010 213-368-6237 fax 213-251-9891	Reseda High School 18230 Kittridge Street Reseda, CA 91335 818-342-6186 - Has two great computer labs, one for ESL students only. Will tour facilities. Passed school bond last year.

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Los Angeles Unified School District, CA	DOE	DOE	Confirmed	Sarah Bradshaw Los Angeles Unified School District 450 N. Grand Ave. A201 Los Angeles, CA 90012 213-625-5694 fax 213-626-8145	
Apple Valley, CA	RAS	RAS	Confirmed	Carol Fisher, Apple Valley Unified School District Apple Valley Unified School District 22974 Bear Valley Road Apple Valley, CA. 92308 760-247-0187	
Beaumont (Riverside), CA	Supt. of Beaumont Unified District	RAS	Confirmed Registered	John Wood, Superintendent Beaumont Unified School District 500 Grace Ave. Beaumont, CA. 92223 909-845-1631 x309 fax 909-845-2039	
Fresno, CA	DOE, Rep. Dooley (?)	DOE	Pending		
Santa Ana, CA	Cal-Fed Infrastructure Coalition	RAS	Confirmed	Mr. Mike Vail Santa Ana Unified School District 1601 East Chestnut Ave. Santa Ana, CA. 92701 714-480-5358 fax 714-480-5362	
Sacramento, CA	NEA, CGCS, House	CGCS	Confirmed	Maria Lopez, Director of Communications 916-264-4440 916-264-4102	
San Francisco/Eureka, CA	AFT	AFT	Confirmed	Gary Ravani, President Petaluma Federation of Teachers 707-528-4494 707-762-2184 fax 707-762-3403	

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Monterey, CA	AFT	AFT	Confirmed	Don Maxwell, President Greater Santa Cruz Fed. 408-425-8939 work P6/(b)(6) fax 408-425-0821	
Santa Barbara, CA	RAS, House, Rep. Lois Capps	Rep. Capps	Confirmed	Lisa Fishel 1118 Longworth House Office Building 202-225-3601 fax 202-225-5632	
San Diego, CA	NEA, House	NEA	Pending		
Palo Alto, CA	Rep. Anna Eshoo	Eshoo	Pending		
Oakland, CA	PEN, Rep. Barbara Lee (?)	PEN	Confirmed	Julie Henderson, Executive Director Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute 1203 Preservation Park Way, Suite 303 Oakland, CA 94612 510-835-0391 fax 510-835-5706	
Honolulu, HI	House, Senate, Governor	Governor	Pending		
Las Vegas, NV	NEA, House, Senate	NEA	Confirmed		
REGION X: AK, ID, OR, WA: SRR Carla Nuxol; phone 206-220-7800; fax 206-220-7806					
Vancouver, WA	DOE	DOE	Confirmed Registered	Marica Ross Evergreen School District P.O. Box 8910 Vancouver, WA 98668 360-604-4020 fax 360-604-4109	Educational Service District 112 Vancouver, WA
Wenatchee, WA	DOE	DOE	Confirmed Registered	Jennifer Maydole North Central Educational Service District 640 South Mission Wenatchee, WA 98801 509-664-0354 fax 509-662-9027	North Central Educational Service District Wenatchee, WA

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Seattle, WA	DOE	DOE	Confirmed Registered	Jerry Bamburg Center for Effective Schols School of Education M-213 Miller Hall Box 353600 University of Washington Seattle, WA 98195 206-543-3999, -4014 fax 206-543-8439	University of Washington, Miller Hall 4th floor conference room 411 Seattle, WA
Southwest Washington/Portland, WA	Adam Smith	Open	Pending		
Seattle, WA	NEA	NEA	Pending		

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School Construction Forum Summary

"There is nothing more important for America's future prosperity and strength than giving our children a world class education. To meet this challenge, we must provide our communities with safer, smaller, smarter, cutting-edge classrooms and schools --places where teachers can focus on teaching, and students can concentrate on learning."

—Vice President Al Gore

Student population is at an all-time high and continues to rise. Over the next 10 years, enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools will increase by over 2 million students, and the nation will need over 6,000 more schools by 2006 to serve these additional students. Also, record numbers of school buildings are in disrepair. One-third of all schools -- serving 14 million students -- need extensive repair or replacement at an average cost of \$1.7 million per school.

The President's FY1999 budget proposes Federal tax credits to pay interest on nearly \$22 billion in bonds -- making them interest-free -- to build and renovate more than 5,000 public schools. This initiative will help bring modern schools with smaller class sizes to children in communities across the country. More than 50 national organizations have endorsed the President's proposal.

On April 8, 1998, Vice President Gore convened a series of forums in cities and communities across the nation to highlight the need for school construction and modernization. These forums provided parents, teachers, and others the opportunity to talk about how newly built or modernized schools could best meet the needs of their children and community (e.g. schools that can accommodate smaller class sizes and the effective use of technology and be centers of communities for after-school programs and other community uses). Forums were led by members of Congress, mayors, and State and local education officials, and involved parents, teachers, students, and other members of the community. Vice President Gore and Secretary of Education Richard Riley participated in a conference call involving all the sites.

Attached is a summary of the opinions and ideas expressed by forum participants, as well as answers to the Department of Education's discussion questions.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FORUM SUMMARIES

Baltimore, MD

This forum consisted of a round table discussion which focused on the need for improved conditions in the school system. It involved parents, teachers and other local officials. The site, Barclay Elementary/Middle School, serves over 480 kindergarten through eighth grade students.

The round table discussion described the school as one in need of serious improvement. The individual classrooms have not seen any major renovations since it was built in 1958. Other problems include: no air conditioning; poor lighting in the classrooms and hallways; and no music, art or technology classrooms. Unfortunately, the school provides little room for expansion, and many feel they are trapped by the physical deficiencies of the building.

Peggy Harris

Baltimore Teachers Union and the American Federation of Teachers

Baltimore, Maryland

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Buffalo, NY

This round table discussion took place in City Honors High School's new distance learning classroom. Many community members were invited, including parents, students, local and state officials, business owners, and the local media.

City Honors is a fifth through twelfth grade high school which was recently named the "#1 School" in western New York. This is an especially great honor, considering it is an urban school located in one of the most struggling districts of the city. This particular school has undergone several repairs, restorations and improvements over the years, which have led to its award-winning status. The majority of the forum discussion revolved around how Buffalo can continue the process of reusing, upgrading and rebuilding their school facilities.

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Hamilton, Houston, Lownie Architects

Buffalo, New York

(716) 885-0743 Phone

(716) 885-6414 Fax

Des Moines, IA

This discussion between the Polk County Board of Supervisors, staff, students, and community groups took place at a school in Des Moines, Iowa. The forum began with a school visit and ended with a group discussion and the conference call with the Vice President. The group's discussion focused on the area's need for infrastructure improvements.

This particular district has decided to take on simple environmental and safety needs before anything else, such as replacing old boilers and repairing leaking roofs. After taking care of the basics, they plan to make their schools "technology friendly" by installing additional electrical outlets and phone connections.

*Contact: Tom Baker and Phil Roeder
Polk County Board of Commissioners
Des Moines, Iowa
(515) 286-3120
(515) 286-3436*

Hattiesburg, MS

This forum took place at the University of Southern Mississippi, located seventy miles north of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. This school has a very large teacher education program, which graduate over forty percent of the State's elementary and secondary education teachers. The forum was scheduled in the middle of the annual meeting of the Southern Education Consortium, and a group of sixty school district superintendents took their lunches into the dean's conference room to participate in the Vice President's conference call. Afterwards, they proceeded to discuss the needs of their individual districts.

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Hattiesburg Area Education Fund
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
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Houston, TX

The Houston event at the Hattie Mae White Administration Building was sponsored by the Houston Independent School District Facilities Advisory Committee and members of the group Parents for Public Schools. This school district is in need of repair and expansion primarily to meet enrollment growth.

According to participants, the district receives an average increase of 3,000 students per year, in addition to the 209,000 already enrolled in the district. Also, the average age of Houston's school facilities is forty four years, and many of these schools are in desperate need of improvement. The school district has converted a grocery store, a church and a vacant building into school facilities. Unfortunately, lack of planned maintenance and tight budget constraints have strapped the district and they can no longer afford to convert old buildings.

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Council of Great City Schools
Houston, Texas
(713) 892-6393
(713) 892-6015*

Loudoun County, VA

Loudoun County is the fastest growing county in Virginia, as well as in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. The newest high school in Loudoun County -- Potomac Falls High School -- was the site for this school construction forum. The event was hosted by the Loudoun County Chapter of the NAACP, and attended by many other community groups, school board members, church organizations, PTA members and students.

The primary point of discussion was how Loudoun County can continue to meet the demand for building new schools while maintaining a quality educational program that does not unduly burden county taxpayers. Loudoun County has opened new schools every year for the past several years through bond referendums which passed in the county. Because Loudoun is a high growth county, it is rapidly changing from a rural to suburban community.

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Miami, FL

Edison Middle School was the site for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools construction forum. In 1987, Edison was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and renovated shortly thereafter. The renovation provided an additional 87,000 square feet which houses new administrative offices, room for student services, a media center and a music suite. In 1997, the project received a National Preservation Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

This site's round table discussion did not focus primarily on the school's successful restoration, but on Miami-Dade County's expanding population. According to forum participants, each year the district needs to accommodate an additional 10,000 new students, and the Administration's school Construction proposal could help the district to build and repair schools to meet this need.

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Orlando, FL

Hillcrest Elementary School -- a very diverse urban school -- was the site for the Orange County school construction discussion. The group included the superintendent, community representatives, parents, School Advisory Councils and the PTA.

Orlando's discussion revolved around the district's need to build and modernize throughout the Orange County area. Although additional construction funds are available from the State General Assembly, the district has over 130 facilities and is not able to stay ahead of needed repairs and renovations because of the increasing student population. Seven new school buildings are prepared to open. However, due to the drastic increase in enrollment, older facilities in need of repair cannot be closed for renovation because the district desperately needs as much classroom space as possible. Last fall, Orlando proposed a tax referendum which failed. According to forum participants, the district continues to increase enrollment by 5,000 students per year, and the schools are already eighty percent over capacity.

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Paterson, NJ

School Two in Paterson, New Jersey, held a press event which included a school tour and a forum celebrating the opening of the school's renovated historic addition, with seven early Childhood classrooms and a new library. The renovation combined the old School Two and the Board of Health buildings and allowed the addition of all-day kindergarten as well as the implementation of the district's all school reform initiative. The President's initiative, coupled with proposed state legislation, could help provide many Paterson children with school facilities that will help them succeed.

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Phoenix, AZ

The Phoenix, Arizona forum, sponsored by the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI) took place at the Phoenix Preparatory Academy. The academy is a six-year old facility that serves seventh and eighth graders. This particular section of Arizona is considered urban and continues to grow year after year. Over 800 individuals (including many CEFPI members), area superintendents, state Senators, State Representatives and other interested citizens were in attendance.

There are many issues in Arizona affecting school construction and modernization, including a Supreme Court decision on equitable school funding, several bills currently before the state legislature, and a threat from the Governor to close all schools on June 30, 1998, if a plan to solve the problem is not adopted. The Administration's proposal focuses on the development of standards -- one element of the court decision. This forum allowed local community members to voice their opinion on the planning and design of schools in their community.

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Pittsburgh, PA

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania's School Construction Forum took place at Carrick High School. Carrick was built in 1923, and subsequent additions were made in both 1964 and 1973. According to forum participants, the school is in need of renovation and additional space in order to be prepared for the new millennium.

The forum, sponsored by the American Institute of Architects, began with a brief overview of the current status and future plans for the high school. Immediately after the briefing, forum attendees toured the site, focusing on areas that will be most impacted by the renovation.

According to the forum participants, the Administration's proposal would help Carrick expand by more than 40,000 square feet. Upon the project's completion, the school will have a total of six computers with Internet hookups and one printer in every educational space. Also, discussions have already begun revolving around the renovation of the school and how such renovations will comply with ADA codes.

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Portland, ME

King Middle School was the site for the Portland, Maine School Construction Forum which included a round table discussion, a press event and a tour of the newly renovated school. King was recently remodeled, and according to those in the area, it was a very tough fight.

Despite King's recent modernization, other schools in Portland are in serious need of renovation. For example: most elementary schools are no longer in full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; at least one building does not have a gymnasium; at least six schools use portable classrooms for specialized activities such as Art and Music; and many facilities have leaky roofs, are not energy efficient and are in need of overall structural repairs. The President's proposal could help Portland improve safety, provide community centers, improve technology and give parents confidence that the community truly cares about their children's education.

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Poteet, Texas

Poteet Elementary School, serving children in kindergarten through fifth grade, is located in Poteet Texas, approximately 35 miles from San Antonio. The School Construction Forum took place in their newly renovated buildings. Organizations such as the Texas Education Agency as well as area school administrators, business and community leaders, parents, student and media were invited to the forum. The school's principal, the School District's technology director and the architect who worked on the renovation were present to help forum participants from other schools understand the steps needed to completely renovate a school while considering time, money and other resources.

Poteet is a rural area, but recently has been experiencing population growth due to the urban sprawl of nearby San Antonio. The recent renovations provide a new library complete with a computer facility attached to the Internet. The community believes that the overall improvement in the school has helped to drop student and teacher absenteeism and to improve test scores.

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Providence, RI

Gilbert Stuart School, built in 1931, hosted the School Construction Forum in Providence, RI. Gilbert Stuart is the largest elementary school in Providence, and it will be converted into a middle school this summer. The forum consisted of a school tour, an explanation of the upcoming improvements and transition, the conference call with the Vice President Al Gore, and concluded with a wrap-up discussion.

Providence has become an urban, high growth area with a large and steadily growing immigrant population and shifting demographic needs. The aging facility and classroom infrastructure, located in this ethnically vibrant neighborhood, need major modernization. The President's proposal could help make this possible.

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Rochester, NY

School Number 16 was the designated site for the Rochester City School District's School Construction Forum. This school, built in 1910, was designed to hold 675 students. However, because of enrollment growth, the school houses over 765 students in Pre-Kindergarten through the fifth grade.

The forum included a press tour and a panel discussion with invitations extended to local, state and federal officials, parents, students, community leaders and agencies as well as business partners.

Rochester is an Urban District which could benefit from the President's proposal. Currently, many school facilities need ventilation systems as required by the health code, computer network systems and smoke doors in corridors.

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Salem, MA

Collins Middle School, the site chosen to host the School Construction Forum, is currently undergoing renovations. The forum agenda included a tour of the middle school, an overview of the Collins School Construction Project and other local efforts, presentations about the federal proposal, and also a discussion of the facility needs in the state of Massachusetts. Salem is one of the first communities in Massachusetts to spread their resources among several schools and parts of the community, and the Administration's School Construction proposal would allow more projects in other areas to proceed more quickly.

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Spindale, NC

R.S. Middle School in Rutherford County, North Carolina was the selected site for the Spindale, North Carolina School Construction Forum. R.S. Middle School was converted from a dilapidated high school into a beautiful facility in 1992. The renovation project included roof and window replacement, new interior finishes such as ceilings, carpet and tile, new lighting and central air conditioning for the entire campus, and fiber optic cable for the computer network. Renovations were also made to accommodate the physically impaired. The main classroom building was listed with the National Register of Historic Places, so the renovations were required to harmonize with the original architecture.

The forum consisted of a school tour and a round table discussion. R.S. Middle School is an excellent example of modernizing an old facility. The President's proposal would allow more modernization and construction efforts in this rural town.

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Springfield, MA

Forest Park Middle School in Springfield, Massachusetts is an example of a school in need of restoration. The school is 101 years old, and houses grades six, seven and eight. It has been designated by city officials as one of the schools which are in desperate need of renovation and repair. The School's Principal, Carol Fazio, was a student at Forest Park and is concerned with the amount of wear that has not been addressed in the past thirty-four years since she attended.

The school is currently at capacity for the use of electricity, and therefore is unable to install more lines for technological services, such as additional computers and Internet connections. The school has also faced compliance issues with the Americans with Disabilities Act because the facility lacks an elevator, and there is no possibility for one to be installed. Unfortunately, these are only a few of the problems facing Forest Park Middle School.

According to forum participants, the School Modernization Bonds and the Qualified zone Academy Bonds would be of great assistance to the local school districts in Massachusetts. Many parents, teachers and administrators share the belief that students need to learn in a safe environment and also to be adept and familiar with technology.

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Wilmington, DE

Bancroft Middle School is an inner-city middle school in Wilmington, Delaware. Their School Construction forum involved various local education leaders and city officials such as the mayor, city councilpersons and others from the Christiana School District. Bancroft is in need of new restrooms, second floor air conditioning, improved lighting and water fountains. Forum attendees participated in the conference call to assure the Vice President that this district is in support of the President's School Construction initiative.

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Newton, GA (Forum took place on April 13, 1998)

Newton, Georgia is the home to Baker County Elementary School, a 45 year old rural school serving children in grades Kindergarten through seven. Students in grades eight through twelve attend a high school in a neighboring county through a contract that expires in the year 2002. The forum involved U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop giving a tour of the school to the press, school board members, local PTA/PTO members and parents.

Baker County Elementary school is the only school in the entire school system. The school, which has 450 students and houses thirty teachers, is very run-down and in poor condition. The eventual goal is to build a new, safe, state-of-the-art school for grades Kindergarten through twelve. The community discussion was used to heighten individuals' awareness of the need for a new facility.

Baker County residents recently voted for a one-percent increase in sales tax to be used solely for school construction, but the county does not generate enough tax revenue because most people shop in near-by Albany. The citizens are behind this effort, but in order to make the new school a reality, they feel they need the help of the President's proposal.

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Jefferson City, MO (Forum took place on April 21, 1998)

Jefferson City held their School Construction Forum on April 21, 1998 in the Normandy School District in St. Louis. The forum gathered over forty people, and the panelists focused their remarks on making sure school buildings are safe and welcoming and are able to provide a modern learning environment for students. The panelists also stressed the importance of whole community involvement in the process of modernizing and constructing schools.

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School Construction Forum Discussion Questions

April 8, 1998

Over eighteen public School Construction Forums were held during the month of April to highlight the need for School Construction and Modernization. The centerpiece of this effort was a day of forums on April 8, 1998, which included panel and round table discussions, school tours and a conference call with the Vice President. The individual sites were asked to answer four discussion questions, and the summarized answers are below.

1. Why is it important to build, repair and/or modernize public schools in your community?

All forums talked about the significant, logical concerns regarding the need to build, repair and modernize school facilities. They all named student safety as their number one concern. They cited examples of ceiling tiles falling on students, causing possible injury and disrupting the learning environment; increased asthma cases among students and overall complaints about bad ventilation; and Asbestos insulation that has not been removed because of funding problems.

Overcrowding and class size were two of the most popular answers to this question. In many areas, student population is at an all time high and continues to grow. Many schools cannot accommodate this enrollment expansion, and have turned to creating classroom space in mobile buildings. Many feel that additional classrooms would allow for smaller class sizes and more individual attention to students, especially those with special needs.

Another key concern is the ability for older schools to meet the compliance codes of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Many schools are unable to install elevators, doors and restroom facilities that cater to those who are physically challenged.

Another crucial point focused on access to technology in the classroom. Computer proficiency is becoming a national standard, and if children are not able to afford computers in their homes, many forum participants felt that computers should be provided in the classroom. One site suggested that school's computers that are used by students during the day should be used by the community during the evening to offer classes for adults to acquire and improve their technological skills.

Overall, participants felt that school facilities should be community centers which allow all citizens to take advantage of their local investments. They were also concerned that deteriorating school facilities negatively impacted student morale.

2. Describe local "success stories" about how a newly built or modernized school or wing of a school is improving student learning, supporting good teaching, or addressing community needs.

The most frequently described "success stories" were schools that met the needs of the entire community. These facilities opened up at all times of the day to offer services such as after school programs, community recreation programs, computer classes and other activities designed to make the school true centers of the community. This allows all residents of the district to utilize the resources of their local buildings.

Other "success stories" included new gymnasiums and facilities that helped improve test scores. Also, many gave examples of how their facilities were warm and welcoming, and were aesthetically pleasing.

3. What do local parents, teachers, students, school officials, community leaders and others want to see in their newly built or modernized public schools? Specifically, how can the physical design of the school best address local needs? (For example: parents and community members might want a school that is a center of community for after-school programs and other activities; teachers and students might want a school with smaller classrooms that can also accommodate the effective use of technology; business leaders might describe schools that house cutting-edge science labs.)

Parents: Parents want what is best for their children. They want a school that is open and welcoming to parents, and is also a safe-haven for their children. They want top of the line equipment and materials, but they do not want to pay higher taxes..

Teachers: Teachers also want the best materials, facilities and resources that will help them teach most effectively with up-to-date equipment.

Students: Students have the tendency to want new, attractive schools with up-to-date equipment. Many students have more computer knowledge than their parents, and they value advanced technology in the classroom.

School Officials: School officials want to provide the best facilities, programs and curriculum in order to increase test scores. However, many expressed concern about how individual states distribute educational funding, and how the funding is allocated.

Community Leaders: One business woman stated that after-school, neighborhood, and community programs must become an integral part of the education system. She also stressed the importance of designing facilities that help promote the involvement of various community organizations including churches, the Boys Club, the Little League, hockey and soccer teams, etc.

4. Who do you think should be involved in discussions about what a new or modernized public school should look like (For example: parents, teachers, school officials, students, business leaders)? Please share any success stories about how broad involvement in school design has strengthened a community and/or led to a well-designed school or wing of a school.

All participants responding to this question believe that the entire community must be involved in educational facility planning. This includes soliciting input from community members who are not currently connected with the school, such as recreation and after school programs, community colleges, elderly care facilities, etc. This will result in a multi-purpose facility in which the entire community will take pride. While some respondents were emotionally attached to the existing schools in their districts, they recognized the value of providing new facilities.



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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL MODERNIZATION DAY WORKING GROUP

FROM: DAN BERNAL *DB*
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SUBJECT: UPDATED GRID OF EVENTS AND CONTACTS

PLEASE NOTE THAT TODAY'S CONFERENCE CALL HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR 5:30 PM. TO PARTICIPATE, DIAL 456-6766 OR 456-6777, CODE 2002.

Attached is the updated grid of September 8 events which we will review today during the 5:30 pm conference call.

At the meeting last Friday, we requested that you send us names and contact information for local event coordinators at each of your event sites (this information is reflected in the "contact" column) by COB yesterday. If you have not provided this information yet, please send it as soon as possible to:

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This grid has been reordered by region. At the top of each region is the name and phone number for our Secretary's Regional Representatives (SRR) who are planning additional events in their respective regions. The SRRs can also assist you in planning events, so feel free to contact them.

Please call me at (202) 401-3053 if you need more information. Otherwise, we'll talk at 5:30.

Thank you.

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Norwich, CT	AFT, NEA	AFT	Thomas Bruenn, President, Meriden Fed. Of Teachers		203-634-8830 work P6/(b)(6)	203-634-8830
Middletown, CT	AFT	AFT	Kathy Galligher, President, Middletown Federation of Teachers		P6/(b)(6)	860-345-8007
Hartford, CT	NEA, AFT, House, Senate, Vice President (T)	AFT	Leo Canty, CFT VP Cheryl Daniels, President, Hartford Federation of Teachers		860-249-7629 (Canty) 860-257-9782 (Daniels)	860-257-8214 (Canty) (no fax for Daniels)
Maine	Open	Open				
Attleborough, MA	NEA, House, Senate	NEA				
Boston, MA	AFT, CGCS	AFT	Ed Doherty, President	BTU	617-288-2000	617-288-0024
Lynn, MA	AFT, House, Senate	AFT	Joseph Gauvin, President, Local 1037 Lynn Teachers Union		781-599-5591	781-599-5594
Pawtucket, RI	AFT	AFT	Robin Yates	Central Falls Teachers Union 105 Vancouver Ave. Warwick, RI 02886-836	w: 401-727- 6153 P6/(b)(6)	None
Warwick, RI	Rep. Robert Weygand	Rep. Weygand				
REGION II: NJ, NY, PR, VI: SRR John Mahoney; phone 212-637-6284; fax 212-264-4427						
New Jersey	Sen. Frank Lautenberg	Sen. Lautenberg				
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New York City, NY (Bronx)	AFT, Eliot Engel	AFT	Tom Murphy (Jake Herring)	United Federation of Teachers	212-777-7500	212-475-2320
Binghamton, Ithaca, NY	NEA, AFT, House, Senate, Maurice Hinchey, Scott Fleming (ED)	AFT	Carol Slotkin		914-583-5389	914-583-5408 (call home # first)
Rochester, NY	AFT, CGCS	CGCS				
Buffalo, NY	CGCS, Mayor Anthony Masiello, PEN	CGCS	CGCS? PEN: Cara Rosenthal, Executive Director	PEN: Education Fund for Greater Buffalo 712 Main St. Buffalo, NY 14202	716-843-8895	716-852-2861
REGION III: DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV: SRR W. Wilson Goode; phone 202-401-0419; fax 202-401-8552						
Silver Spring, MD	Rep. Al Wynn	Rep. Wynn				
Baltimore, MD	Rep. Elijah Cummings	Rep. Cummings	Kymerly Graves (available after 9/24)	202-225-4741		
Waldorf, MD	Rep. Steny Hoyer	Rep. Hoyer				
Philadelphia, PA	AFT	AFT	Jerry Jordan, Asst. to the President	Philadelphia Federation of Teachers	215-587-6738	215-665-1903
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Miami, FL (Dade County)	DOE, AFT, CGCS, Senate	CGCS				
Miami, FL (Broward County)	DOE, AFT, CGCS	CGCS				
Jacksonville, FL	AFT	AFT	Andy Ford, Pres. Duval Teachers United		904-396-4063	904-396-9389
Miami, FL	AFT	AFT	Elsa Lopez, United Teachers of Dade		305-854-0220	305-856-9157
Panama City, FL	Allen Boyd, Jr.	Allen Boyd, Jr.				
Gwinnett County School District, GA	DOE	DOE				
Albany, GA	NEA, Rep. Sanford Bishop, Senate, Governor	NEA				
Atlanta, GA	Rep. John Lewis, <i>Mayor Bill Campbell</i>	Rep. Lewis	Elizabeth Douglas and Jack Pannell	229 Cannon House Office Building	202-225-3801	202-225-0351
Frankfort, KY	Mayor Bill May	Mayor Bill May				
Lexington, KY	Open	Open				
Durham, NC	AIA, NEA, Rep. Bob Etheridge, Senate	Open (NEA?)				
Raleigh, Chapel Hill, NC	NEA, AIA, House, Senate	AIA	Paul Boney, AIA CEO	Boney Architects, Inc. 2528 Independence Boulevard, Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28412	910-790-9901	910-790-3111
Charlotte, NC	AIA, NEA, House, Senate	AIA	Paul Boney, AIA CEO	Boney Architects, Inc. 2528 Independence Boulevard, Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28412	910-790-9901	910-790-3111

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Knox County School District, TN	DOE	DOE				
Memphis, TN	Rep. Harold Ford, Jr.	Rep. Ford	Hilary Belitsky	202-225-3265		
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Chicago, IL	AFT, CGCS, Mayor, Senate	CGCS				
Quad Cities, IL	NEA, AFT, House, Senate, Rep. Lane Evans	Rep. Lane Evans	Steve Vetzner	2335 Rayburn House Office Building	202-225-5905	202-225-5395
Carbondale, IL	NEA, House	NEA				
Univ. Of Illinois, Urbana	Norma Cantu, ED	ED	Jim Hamilton, Director of Distance Learning, U of I		217-333-7118	217-244-7503
Evansville, IN	NEA, House	NEA				
Indianapolis, IN	Julia Carson, NEA, CGCS	NEA				
Oakland County, MI	AFT, CGCS, House, Senate	AFT	Tom Gennete, President	Lamphere Federation of Teachers	313-822-3009	248-589-2618
Ann Arbor, MI	Open	Open				
McArthur, (Appalachia), OH	AIA	AIA	Cindy Taylor	Capstone Communications 6849 Old Dominion Drive, Suite 223 McLean, VA 22101	703-288-9191	703-228-9194
Cleveland, OH	AFT, PEN	AFT	AFT? PEN: Deborah Howard, Executive Director	AFT? Cleveland Education Fund 1422 Euclid Avenue, Suite 1550 Cleveland, OH 44115-2001	AFT? 216-566-1136	AFT? 216-566-1230
Cleveland, OH	Mayor Mike White	Mayor White (?)				

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H.R. 3892 -- English Language Fluency Act
(Rep. Riggs (R) CA and 3 others)

The Administration strongly opposes H.R. 3892, which would significantly amend the Bilingual Education Act. While there is a serious need to strengthen programs designed to help students with limited English proficiency learn English, meet challenging standards in academic subjects and successfully move into mainstream classes, this bill would not accomplish these purposes. It is a step in the wrong direction.

H.R. 3892 would force school districts to arbitrarily cut off services to students who need them, and would deny funds to school districts if they fail to do so. It would eliminate professional development programs that focus on the preparation of teachers, and would therefore seriously exacerbate the current shortage of qualified bilingual and English-as-a-second language teachers nationwide. By replacing the current competitive grants program with a State block grant, the bill would no longer target limited Federal funds to the school districts with the greatest need and the highest quality programs. Further, the bill lacks maintenance of effort or supplanting provisions to prevent states and school districts from reducing their financial support for educating students with limited English proficiency, as a result of receiving Federal funds. Finally, the bill would curtail needed efforts by the Education Department to protect the civil rights of LEP students. It would generate costly and time-consuming law suits for local education agencies and deny them the ability to resolve Title VI compliance issues on a voluntary basis.

The President has defined (articulated?) principles to guide efforts to strengthen education programs for limited English proficient students. This bill does not reflect those principles, and will not improve education programs for LEP students. It will not help them learn English more rapidly, nor help them meet challenging standards in academic subject areas. Therefore, the Administration strongly opposes H.R. 3892.

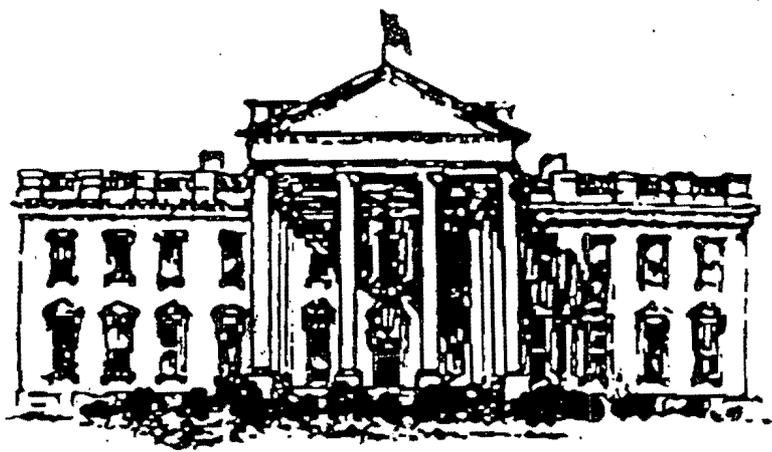
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I am pleased that versions of H.R. 6, a bill to reauthorize the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), have passed both the Senate and the House, and I greatly appreciate the hard work that you and your staff have devoted to this important legislation. I am especially pleased that both bills have adopted the student interest rate on new loans at the level proposed by the Vice President last winter. This will ensure that students pay as little as possible for their loans for the future and thus can manage better their postsecondary education debt.

We now have the opportunity to work together during the conference deliberations to enact a strong bipartisan bill, grounded in sound educational and fiscal policy. In this work, we must all keep our focus on the goal of producing legislation that provides maximum benefits to students, in the student aid provisions, as well as in provisions on other programs affecting the quality of and access to education. That is the ultimate purpose of the Higher Education Act.

This letter and its attachment highlight the issues in the HEA reauthorization that are of particular importance to the Administration. They include issues such as: ensuring that the bill is fully paid for and there is no risk of a government-wide sequester; ensuring that there are adequate funds available to administer effectively both the Federal Family Education Loan Program and the Federal Direct Student Loan Program; ensuring that a key aspect of the nation's commitment to raising the quality of teaching and learning -- the ability of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to continue to offer master teacher certification -- is maintained; offering borrowers the same low interest rate on consolidation loans in FFEL and FDSL; and others. I am confident that the issues presented by the bills now in conference can be resolved to our mutual satisfaction. I must inform you, however, that if the Conference approach to these issues does not serve students well, and if the Conference should incorporate other provisions that are unfavorable to students, then the President's advisers would recommend that he veto H.R. 6.

I look forward to a close working relationship with you as the Conference moves toward a final bill this year.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

THE SECRETARY

August 26, 1998

Dear Friend of Education:

I look forward to you and your organization joining a growing nationwide effort to modernize our nation's schools by participating in "National School Modernization Day" on September 8. As U.S. Secretary of Education, I have visited schools all across America in the last five years. Many of them are overcrowded, in disrepair, and lack the effective learning technologies to help all children excel.

Our nation's schools and students need common sense approaches to improve education. Research shows that modern facilities, smaller classes, and computers in classrooms are important building blocks for student academic success. This is why, on September 8, the President and I will join students, parents, teachers, educators, and community leaders who are working hard to develop positive approaches to modernizing our nation's schools.

Today, there are many schools in desperate need of repair. According to the General Accounting Office, an estimated \$112 billion is needed to build new schools and modernize old ones. In a recent report card on the condition of the nation's roads, bridges, and other infrastructure, the American Society of Civil Engineers gave schools an "F," rating them worst among all categories of infrastructure and citing the fact that "one third of all schools need extensive repair or replacement."

Many other schools do not have adequate space or teaching staff to accommodate growing student enrollments. In 1996 and again last year, the United States broke the student enrollment record set by the baby boom generation in 1971, with enrollment rising to 52.2 million children. We expect to break this record each year for many years to come. Research shows that when students are in small classes with well-prepared teachers, they learn more. This is especially true for disadvantaged and at-risk students and in the early grades, when we must give our students a solid foundation in the basics.

In addition, recently released Commerce Department figures show we are in the midst of a severe and growing "digital divide" – the gap between those who have access to computers and the Internet and those who do not. This gap is centered largely on racial, economic, and other demographic lines.

Local events are being developed across the country to underscore the importance of providing students with safe and modern facilities, educational technology, and the personal attention they need in order to excel. You will have the opportunity to link via satellite to a live address by the President during which he will release new figures for total school enrollment as well as projections for future enrollment growth.

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This day will be an important opportunity for entire communities to come together to determine their own school needs, share ideas, and develop positive approaches to ensure that students have the best possible learning environment now and in the future. The enclosed materials provide background information as well as resource and contact information to help you plan your event.

The Federal government stands ready to make the investment to help states and communities improve education and our schools. This Administration is committed to giving every community more resources through proposed and existing efforts to build and modernize schools, lower class sizes, provide access to technology, strengthen teaching, improve reading, and expand after-school programs.

As we prepare to enter the 21st century, it is essential that school facilities be safe and provide the learning environment all children need to achieve. Better education is everybody's business, and everyone can help to improve children's learning by getting involved on National School Modernization Day. Your participation will make a positive difference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dick Riley". The signature is stylized and includes a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Richard W. Riley

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Baltimore, MD	Rep. Elijah Cummings	Rep. Cummings	Confirmed	Kymberly Graves 202-225-4741	
Waldorf, MD	Rep. Steny Hoyer	Rep. Hoyer	Pending		
Philadelphia, PA	AFT, House	AFT	Confirmed	Jerry Jordan, Asst. to the President Philadelphia Federation of Teachers 215-587-6738 fax 215-665-1903	How many in Phil?
Philadelphia, PA	AFT, House	AFT	Confirmed	Jerry Jordan, Asst. to the President Philadelphia Federation of Teachers 215-587-6738 fax 215-665-1903	

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Philadelphia, PA	AFT, House	AFT	Confirmed	Jerry Jordan, Asst. to the President Philadelphia Federation of Teachers 215-587-6738 fax 215-665-1903	
New Castle, PA	AFT	AFT	Confirmed	Phil Lasky, President John Schultz, Staff Newcastle Federation of Teachers 724-654-3759 fax 412-390-2481	
Virginia Beach City Public Schools, VA	DOE	DOE	Pending		
REGION IV: AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN: SRR Stanley Williams; phone 404-562-6225; fax 404-562-6520					
Miami, FL (Dade County)	DOE, AFT, CGCS, Senale	CGCS	Confirmed	CGCS: Iriada Mendez Legislative and Labor Relations Office Miami/ Dade County Public Schools 1450 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Room 552 Miami, FL 33132 305-995-1525 fax 305-995-2375 AFT: Elsa Lopez, United Teachers of Dade 305-854-0220 fax 305-856-9157	
Fl. Lauderdale, FL (Broward County)	DOE, AFT, CGCS	CGCS	Confirmed	Sisty Walsh, Director of Community Relations Broward County Public Schools 600 Southeast Jrd Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 954-765-6274 fax 954-760-7367	
Jacksonville, FL	AFT	AFT	Confirmed	Andy Ford, Pres. Duval Teachers United 904-396-4063 fax 904-396-9389	

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Panama City, FL	Allen Boyd, Jr.	Allen Boyd, Jr.	Pending		
Gwinnett County School District, GA	DOE	DOE	Pending		
Thomasville, GA	NEA, Rep. Sanford Bishop, Senale, Governor	NEA	Confirmed	NEA? Rep. Bishop: Roxanne Burnham 202-225-3631 fax 202-225-2203	
Atlanta, GA	Rep. John Lewis, Mayor Bill Campbell	Rep. Lewis	Confirmed	Elizabeth Douglas and Jack Pannell 229 Cannon House Office Building 202-225-3801 fax 202-225-0351	
Frankfort, KY	Mayor Bill May	Mayor Bill May	Pending		
Lexington, KY	DOE	DOE	Pending		
Durham, NC	AIA, NEA, Rep. Bob Etheridge, Senale	Open (NEA?)	Pending		
Raleigh, Chapel Hill, NC	NEA, AIA, House, Senate	AIA	Confirmed	Paul Boney, AIA, CEO Boney Architects, Inc. 2528 Independence Boulevard, Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28412 910-790-9901 fax 910-790-3111	Entoe High School 128 Clarendon Crescent Raleigh, NC 27610 919-856-7918/7917
Charlotte, NC	AIA, NEA, House, Senate	AIA	Pending (hurricane Bonne)	Paul Boney, AIA, CEO Boney Architects, Inc. 2528 Independence Boulevard, Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28412 910-790-9901 fax 910-790-3111	

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Beaufort, SC	AIA	AIA	Confirmed	Tom Hund, AIA, President South Carolina AIA 24 Market Street, Suite 300 Charleston, SC 29401 843-577-4444 fax 843-722-4789	Joseph E. Shankin Elementary Beaufort, SC (new school with advanced technology) - OR - Lady's Island Middle School 30 Cougar Drive Beaufort, SC 29901 Rep. Floyd Spence (R-2)
Knox County School District, TN	DOE	DOE	Pending		
Memphis, TN	Rep. Harold Ford, Jr., PEN	Rep. Ford	Confirmed	Hilary Belitsky 202-225-3265	
REGION V: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI: SRR Stephanie Jones; phone 312-886-8222; fax 312-353-5147					
Chicago, IL	AFT, CGCS, Mayor, Senate	CGCS	Pending	CGCS? AFT: Diane Sheffer 312-329-9100 fax 312-329-6200	
Quad Cities, IL	NEA, AFT, House, Senate, Rep. Lane Evans	Rep. Lane Evans	Confirmed	Steve Vetzner 2335 Rayburn House Office Building 202-225-5905 fax 202-225-5395	
Univ. Of Illinois, Urbana	Norma Canlu, DOE	DOE	Confirmed	Jim Hamilton, Director of Distance Learning, U of I 217-333-7118 fax 217-244-7503	
Evansville, IN	NEA, House	NEA	Confirmed		
Indianapolis, IN	Julia Carson, NEA, CGCS	NEA	Confirmed		

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Oakland County, MI	AFT, CGCS, House, Senate	AFT	Confirmed	Tom Gennete, President, Lamphere Federation of Teachers 313-622-3009 fax 248-589-2618	
Ann Arbor, MI	DOE	DOE	Pending		
McArthur, (Appalachia), OH	AIA	AIA	Confirmed	Cindy Taylor Capstone Communications 6849 Old Dominion Drive, Suite 223 McLean, VA 22101 703-288-9191 fax 703-228-9194	Vinton County High School 3607 West High Street McArthur, OH 45651-1093 704-596-5258 740-596-3003 fax
Cleveland, OH	AFT, PEN	AFT	Pending	Merrill Johnson, CTU local 297 216-861-7678 x16 fax 216-861-4113 PEN: Deborah Howard, Executive Director Cleveland Education Fund 1422 Euclid Avenue, Suite 1550 Cleveland, OH 44115-2001 216-566-1136 fax 216-568-1230	AFT?
Cleveland, OH	Mayor Mike White	Mayor White (?)	Pending		
Cincinnati, OH	NEA, AFT, House	AFT	Confirmed	Tom Mooney, President Cincinnati Federation of Teachers 513-961-2272 fax 513-961-0629	
Columbus, OH	House, Senate, NEA, Mrs. Gore (T)	NEA	Pending		<i>Jennifer Develin</i>
Columbus, OH	CCSSO	CCSSO	Confirmed	John Rochester, Governmental Relations Ohio Department of Education 65 South Front Street, Room 810 Columbus, OH 43215-4183 614-466-3125 fax 614-644-5960	Department of Administrative Services Teleconference Room Columbus, OH

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Middlefield, OH	AFT, Rep. Sherrod Brown	AFT	Confirmed	Mike Fulton, buckeye Local Education Asso. #4595 330-723-1045 no fax	
Anywhere in WI	Sen. Feingold	Sen. Feingold	Pending	Amy Maloney 202-224-5323 fax 202-224-2725	
Racine, WI	NEA, House	NEA	Pending		
Madison, WI	Mayor	Mayor	Confirmed	Brenda Perry Mayor Sue Bauman's office 210 Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd. Madison, WI 53710 608-266-4611 fax 608-266-4611	
Wausau, WI	AFT	AFT	Confirmed	Bill Kalin, WTF Staff Derick Symington, Presidnet 715-399-2725 fax 715-399-2725	
Green Bay, WI	NEA, House, Senate	NEA	Confirmed		
REGION VI: AR, LA, NM, OK, TX: SRR Sally Cain; phone 214-880-3011; fax 214-880-2433					
Little Rock/Conway, AR	House, Senate, DOE	DOE	Pending		
Baton Rouge, LA	AFT, House, NSBA	AFT	Confirmed	David Lovely, President, East Baton Rouge Fed. Of Teachers 504-926-5087 fax 504-926-5199	
Albuquerque, NM	NEA, AFT, House	AFT	Confirmed	Don Whatley, President, Albuquerque Teachers Union 505-262-2657 fax 505-262-1967*2	

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Little Axe (Oklahoma City), OK	AIA	AIA	Confirmed	Melissa S. Hunt, Executive Director AIA Central OK Chapter 3000 General Pership Blvd. Studio TV, Oklahoma City, OK 73107 405-946-7174 fax 405-946-7397	Little Axe School Little Axe, OK 200 168th Ave. NE Norman, OK 73071-9010 405-447-0913/405-579-2929
Oklahoma City, OK	RAS	RAS	Confirmed	Joyce Henderson, Oklahoma City Public Schools 900 N. Klein, P.O. Box 25428 Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0428 405-297-6444 fax 405-297-6503	
Austin, TX	AIA	AIA	Confirmed	Jaime Bearman, AIA, (president-elect 1998) AIA Austin CasaBella Architects 702 West 34th Street Austin, Texas 78705 512-458-5700 fax 512-458-5755	
Lufkin, Crockett, East Texas, TX	DOE	DOE	Pending		
El Paso, TX	Rep. Silvestre Reyes	AFT	Confirmed	AFT: Frances Weaver, President Vicki Crase, TFT Organizer El Paso Federation of Teachers 915-562-3738 fax 915-562-3767 Reyes: Perry Finney 514 Cannon House Office Building 202-225-4831 fax 202-225-2016	

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Houston School District, TX	AFT, AIA, RAS, Rep. Benisen et al	AFT	Confirmed	AFT: Gayle Fallon, President, HFT 713-623-8891 RAS: Larry Yawn 713-892-7207 fax 713-892-6061 AIA: Martha Murphree, Executive Director AIA Houston 3000 Richmond Ave., Suite 500 Houston, TX 77098-3111 713-520-5134 fax 713-520-0155	AIA: Grissom Elementary School 4900 Simsbrook Drive Houston, TX 77045 713-434-5660 713-434-5684 fax
Houston, TX	Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee	Rep. Jackson Lee	Pending		
San Antonio, TX	AFT	AFT	Confirmed	Tom Cummins, President (Shelley Potter) Bexar County Federation of Teachers 210-227-8063 fax 210-227-6523	
REGION VII: IA, KS, MO, NE: SRR Sandra Walker; phone 816-880-4000; fax 816-891-0578					
Waterloo, IA	Mayor John Roof	Mayor John Roof	Pending		
Des Moines, IA	NEA, House, Senate	NEA	Pending		
Kansas City, KS	NEA, House	NEA	Pending		
St. Louis, MO	Rep. Dick Gephardt <i>Clay T.</i>	Rep. Gephardt	Pending	Elizabeth Miller Room H302 U.S. Capitol 202-225-6760	

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St. Louis, MO	AIA	AIA	Confirmed	Ruth Wood-Steed, Manager, Kennedy Associates Inc. One Metropolitan Square 211 North Broadway, Suite 1900 St. Louis, MO 63102 314-241-8188 x207 fax 314-241-0125	Samuel Shepard, Jr. Gateway Educational Park 1200 North Jefferson Avenue St. Louis, MO 63106 314-241-2295
Suburbs outside St. Louis, MO	DOE	DOE	Confirmed	Neal J. Gilb Cooperating School Districts 1460 Craig Road St Louis, MO 63146 314-692-1253 fax 314-872-9128	
REGION VIII: CO, MN, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY: SRR Lynn Simons; phone 303-844-3544; fax 303-844-2524					
Boulder, CO	Governor, House	Governor	Pending		
Denver, CO	DOE, Rep. Diana DeGette, Mayor (?)	DOE	Confirmed	Rep. DeGette; Shannon Goode 202-225-4431 fax 202-225-5657	
Apple Valley, MN	AIA, Trish McNeil (ED)	AIA	Confirmed	Kathy Tait Cunningham Group 201 Main Street, SE, Suite 325 Minneapolis, MN 55414 612-379-3400 fax 612-379-4400	School of Environmental Studies, Minnesota Zoological Gardens 12155 Johnny Cake Ridge Road Apple Valley, MN 55124 612-431-8750, phone 612-431-8755, fax
Southwest, MN	House, Senate, AFT	AFT	Confirmed	Diane O'Brien, Public Affairs Director Minnesota Fed of Teachers 651-292-4818 fax 651-292-4868	
Turtle Mountain Community School, ND	RAS, Earl Pomeroy, Senate	RAS (OCRE)	Confirmed	Duane Poitra 701-477-6471 x213	
Sioux Falls, SD	DOE	DOE	Pending		

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Salt Lake City, UT	NEA, AIA, House	AIA	Confirmed	Steve Crane, AIA Valentiner Crane Brunjes Onyon Architects 524 South 600 East Salt Lake City, UT 84102 801-531-9880 fax 801-531-9850	Horizonte Instruction and Training Center 1234 South Main Street Salt Lake City, UT 84101 801-578-8574 801-578-8577 fax
REGION IX: AS, AZ, CA, GU, HI, NV, CNMI: SRR Loni Hancock; phone 415-437-7520; fax 415-437-7540					
Pinon/Navajo Reservation, AZ	AIA	AIA	Confirmed	Jodie Brooks, Executive Director, AIA Albuquerque 215 Gold Avenue, SW, Suite 102 Albuquerque, NM 87102 505-244-3737 fax 505-244-3756	Pinon Community School Navajo Route 4 Pinon, AZ 86510 520-725-3234
Los Angeles, CA	Mayor, Congressional delegation, AFT	Mayor Riordan	Pending	Mayor? AFT: Mike Cherry, AFT President 213-368-6237 fax 213-251-9891	
Los Angeles Unified School District, CA	DOE	DOE	Confirmed	Sarah Bradshaw Los Angeles Unified School District 450 N. Grand Ave. A201 Los Angeles, CA 90012	
Apple Valley, CA	RAS	RAS	Confirmed	Carol Fisher, Apple Valley Unified School District Apple Valley Unified School District 22874 Bear Valley Road Apple Valley, CA. 92308 760-247-0167	
Beaumont (Riverside), CA	Supt. of Beaumont Unified District	RAS	Confirmed	John Wood, Superintendent Beaumont Unified School District 500 Grace Ave. Beaumont, CA. 92223 909-845-1631 x309 fax 909-845-2039	
Fresno, CA	DOE	DOE	Pending		

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Santa Ana, CA	Cal-Fed Infrastructure Coalition	RAS	Confirmed	Mr. Mike Vail Santa Ana Unified School District 1601 East Chestnut Ave. Santa Ana, CA. 92701 714-480-5358 fax 714-480-5362	
Sacramento, CA	NEA, CGCS, House	CGCS	Pending		
San Francisco/Eureka, CA	AFT	AFT	Confirmed	Gary Ravani, President Petaluma Federation of Teachers 707-528-4494 707-762-2184 fax 707-762-3403	
Monterey, CA	AFT	AFT	Confirmed	Don Maxwell, President Greater Santa Cruz Fed. 408-425-8939 work P6/(b)(6) fax 408-425-0821	
Santa Barbara, CA	RAS, House, Rep. Lois Capps	Rep. Capps	Confirmed	Lisa Fishel 1118 Longworth House Office Building 202-225-3601 fax 202-225-5832	
San Diego, CA	NEA, House	NEA	Pending		
Palo Alto, CA	Rep. Anna Eshoo	Eshoo	Pending		
Oakland, CA	PEN	PEN	Confirmed	Julie Henderson, Executive Director Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute 1203 Preservation Park Way, Suite 303 Oakland, CA 94612 510-835-0391 fax 510-835-5706	
Honolulu, HI	House, Senate, Governor	Governor	Pending		
Las Vegas, NV	NEA, House, Senate	NEA	Pending		
REGION X: AK, ID, OR, WA: SRR Carla Nuxol; phone 206-220-7800; fax 206-220-7806					

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Portland, OR	House, CGCS, PEN	CGCS	Pending	CGCS? PEN: Cynthia Guyer, Executive Director Portland Public Schools Foundation 2627 NE Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. Portland, OR 97212 503-335-0352 fax 503-335-5972	
Olympia, WA	DOE, House	DOE	Pending	<i>Letter - School Ed Speech</i>	
Southwest Washington/Portland, WA	Adam Smith	Open	Pending		
Seattle, WA	NEA	NEA	Pending		

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