

Media Advisory

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Community School District Ten “Honoring Children’s Voices: A Celebration of Literacy”

When: May 18, 2002

Where: PS/MS 306, Bronx NY – From 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

What: An event hosted by **Community School District Ten – “Children’s Voices: A Celebration of Literacy”** will start with a continental breakfast served from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. School administrators and community leaders will be speaking at the event from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Children are expected to sing and perform special presentations during the festivities. Exhibits of children’s work and publishers of children’s books will be on view throughout the event. Event will end at 2:30 p.m.

Who: The Community School District Ten Literacy Award will be presented to **Mimi Levin Lieber**, founder of Literacy, Inc. (LINC). LINC is a unique organization that organizes parents and local community groups around elementary schools, in New York City neighborhoods, to help all children read well by grade three. **Irma Zardoya**, Superintendent, Community School District Ten, says that “Literacy, Inc. (LINC) is one of the most important organizations in New York City working with schools, parents and community organizations.” **Honorable Adolpho Carrion**, Bronx Borough President, will be among the guest speakers. Invitations to attend the event have been sent to nearly 1500 people including parents, teachers, principals, community groups and local politicians. **TAPCO, Bronx Dance Academy, PS/MS 396 & MS 390 Chorus, The Dream Yard Drama project, and The Toy Dance Company** will also be presenting.

Why: Community School District Ten has been working with Literacy, Inc. (LINC) for over five years in supporting early literacy efforts in Community School District Ten. Over 80 neighborhood partners coordinated by LINC participate actively in supporting early reading in the district. These partners include community based organizations, merchants, research groups and universities.

*Event’s agenda and directions are available upon request