



November 24, 2009
Visit to the office of Congressman George Miller
Re: NCLB Reauthorization

Bay Area Parent Leadership Action Network (PLAN) is a regional network that unites and strengthens diverse parents and organizations to promote racial justice in education through training, leadership development, organizing, and advocacy.

For the past nine months, PLAN has organized and educated hundreds of low-income public school parents on the pervasive educational inequities that exist in our schools and how they impact students of color. In addition, we have been educating parents about the impact of No Child Left Behind policies in our communities and engaging parents in dialogue about the changes they would like to see in NCLB. The parents here today represent just a fraction of those we have organized over the past several months. Hundreds of parents from six different Bay Area communities have agreed to the following as PLAN's top priorities for educational reform:

- More funding to address the racial achievement gap, focusing on creating joyful learning experiences that engage students from all cultures, rather than teaching to the test.
- More funding to support the full participation of parents/guardians of all cultures, including culturally appropriate leadership training, translation, child care, etc.
- More funding and incentives for accessible teacher training, focus on teaching strategies that respect and effectively engage students from all cultures.

We are here today to deliver more than 200 postcards from parents from across the Bay Area and demand the following:

- Sign our postcard and deliver it and the parents' postcards to Congressman Miller.
- Host a Town Hall meeting in Richmond during the time Congress is considering the reauthorization of NCLB, and ensure that families can participate by providing refreshments, translation, and child care and scheduling the meeting during a time when most parents can attend (e.g. evening or weekend).

In return, Bay Area PLAN offers our support by organizing recruitment and participation at the town hall meeting.

We hope to get your support for quality education for ALL students by addressing the root causes of educational inequity, rather than the symptoms.