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Teacher Quality – Early Childhood Education – Diverse Learning **The National Council on Educating Black Children Supports the Push for a Federal Education Agenda That Gives All Students an “Opportunity To Learn”**

WASHINGTON – July 26, 2010 –Prominent civil-rights leaders today joined force to call for the adoption of federal education policies that create the framework and conditions necessary to achieve equitable opportunities for all.

The National Council on Educating Black Children (NCEBC) has been engaged in the development of a Civil Rights Framework (submitted today to the Office of the US Secretary of Education, Mr. Arne Duncan) that calls on the Obama Administration to “revamp” the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) by leveraging federal resources available to all states. For the past quarter century, the NCEBC has promoted educational policy awareness and community stakeholder accountability through the **National Blueprint for Action** by which several areas of recommended focus per the “*Framework for Providing All Students an Opportunity to Learn through Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act*” are implemented on a state-wide level, addressing challenges and community-identified core issues that impact educational outcomes for youth, particularly African American Boys.

The National Council for Educating Black Children supports the recommended Framework, developed in collaboration with the following National Civil Rights organizations:

Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
National Urban League
Rainbow PUSH Coalition
Schott Foundation for Public Education

Dr. Claude A. Mayberry, Jr., NCEBC Board President, shares that this Framework, “Highlights the collective conscious of our leading civil rights organizations and our commitment to ensure that all children living in impoverished conditions (particularly ethnic minorities), have access equity and equal opportunity to achieve the American dream through education.”

The full [framework document](#) and [collaborative press release](#) has been posted on the NCEBC Discussion Board at www.facebook.com/NCEBC. Your stakeholder comments and feedback are encouraged, as we ask you to support our recommendations at the state level. For more information, please contact the NCEBC at (317) 283-9081.
(Link here to read the [Edweek](#) news story)