The Edward W. Hazen Foundation is happy to share the first issue of our new E-newsletter. This newsletter will be shared quarterly to provide information about the work of Hazen grantees, updates about the Foundation and upcoming events.

Please click on the information to be taken to links that connect you to information about the grantees, including news articles, reports and events. We are proud of the work that they are accomplishing and excited to be sharing their progress with all of you. A PDF copy of this newsletter is attached. Please feel free to pass it along to your colleagues.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at Hazen@hazenfoundation or at 212-889-3034.

We hope you enjoy it.

Sincerely,
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NYC DOE Mayoral Control Ruling Creates $3 million for Multi-Borough Parent Training Centers

The agreement will allocate about $3 million to the City University of New York for the next two years to create a parent training center in each of the five boroughs. Billy Easton, the director of the Campaign for Better Schools, which had pushed for the center, said it would focus on training parents to make school-based leadership teams and community education councils more effective.

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School and Community Center Being Built in Mt. Eden
Bronx News Network
The project is expected to be completed by 2012 and create over 1,000 new seats for students in a neighborhood characterized by overcrowded schools. The Department of Education will own the school, but New Settlement Apartments (located adjacent to the site and a project of the Settlement Housing Fund) will provide facilities management for both the school and community center. Total development costs for the school, center, and pool are estimated to be $83 million.

One LA-IAF launches The Algebra Project Cohort Strategy
The Algebra Project Cohort Strategy focuses on an organizing approach of building a “public constituency” of committed students, parents, teachers, and LAUSD who will become public advocates for the enterprise. The Algebra Project Cohort Strategy is an outcome of the relationship between One LA-IAF and the national Algebra Project Director and Founder, Dr. Robert Moses.

CAAAV: “Converting Chinatown” Report Released
On March 4th, CAAAV released Converting Chinatown: A Snapshot of a Neighborhood becoming Unaffordable and Unlivable, a report done in collaboration with the Urban Justice Center on the how gentrification has affected small businesses and residents. Converting Chinatown showcases the experience of local residents and business owners contending with displacement, and features city and state policy proposals to remedy lagging protections for the Chinatown community as private development encroaches on the area.

Council Candidates Get FIERCE
Gay City News
In an August 28 Friday Forum hosted by FIERCE, a Chelsea-based advocacy group for LGBTQ youth of color, District 3 City Council candidate Yetta Kurland repeatedly signaled her personal identification with the struggles those young people face.

Governor Haley Barbour approves full funding of Mississippi Adequate Education Program
In July, Republican Governor Haley Barbour signed the state’s budget bill that provided full funding of the state education funding formula the Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP). This was a campaign success for Southern Echo and its partners and allies who are
New York Lawmakers Spearhead Efforts to Educate Immigrants

NY Daily News

The bill, unveiled at a news conference in immigrant-rich Elmhurst, calls for $200 million in funding for fiscal year 2010. That is a jump from the $70 million allocated for this fiscal year. New York is home to 1.5 million people who need language instruction and less than 100,000 have access to it, Clarke said. New York City received $8.7 million of that $70 million, but Clarke said that’s not enough

Restorative Justice promoted by Power U Youth

Power U youth are working with youth from WeCount! in Homestead to have Restorative Justice programs implemented in the Miami Dade County Public Schools. “Restorative justice encompasses a growing social movement to institutionalize peaceful approaches to harm, problem-solving and violations of legal and human rights.

Grantee Bulletins

- The Annenberg Institute for School Reform Upcoming Policy Event on NYC’s Small Schools
- InnerCity Struggle Commemorates 15 Years of Organizing On The Eastside on October 1, 2009
- Community Coalition Participates in COIN Pilot Program
- Community Coalition Hosts 10th Annual Gala Dinner October 22, 2009
- CAAAAV, FIERCE, Mothers on The Move, Teachers Unite join the Right To The City Alliance
- FIERCE White Paper: Expanding Access to Public Space at the Hudson River Park
- Queens Congregations United in Action (QCUA) Education Dialogue: Imagine NYC Schools
- Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth: May 26th, 2009 Racial Equity Victory
- Quitman County Development Organization: Hosts Leadership Institute for Parent Organizing
- Funders Collaborative on Youth Organizing: Hosts 3rd Convening for Youth Activists
- Padres y Jovenes Unidos Students Rally Outside the Headquarters of Denver Public Schools
- Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition (NWBCCC) New Co-Executive Directors
- Community Coalition Participates in COIN Pilot Program
- Center For Immigrant Families Editorial: A Model That Does Not Serve Our Children
- DRUM Launches the South Asian Workers Center