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MEDIA ALERT:

Education Briefing; Student Leaders Taking Capitol Hill Back to School

WHAT: Public briefing to highlight a district-wide model of success for youth leadership, student achievement, and school engagement outcomes utilizing service-learning as a key strategy. Guilford County School District (Greensboro, N.C.) will be showcased as a model of success for large and diverse communities of students.

A panel discussion will highlight the components that helped lead to increased academic achievement in the district, including raising the graduation rate by 9% over the past six years and reducing the number of low-performing schools from ten to zero over the past three years. Recognizing youth as the primary stakeholders of education reform, attendees will hear directly from two student leaders on their experiences and roles in Guilford County's service-learning strategy. The panel will also address opportunities for continued public/private partnerships and replicating what works in other districts and states.

WHO:

Sponsors:

- Senator Kay Hagan of North Carolina
- Representative Howard Coble of North Carolina

Panel:

- Alhosainy Altaher, student, Grimsley High School, Guilford County Schools, North Carolina
- Brenda Elliott, Executive Director, Student Services and Character Development, Guilford County Schools
- Dan Fuller, Vice President Legislative Relations, Communities in Schools
- Maurice Green, Superintendent, Guilford County Schools
- Tyler Hardin, student, Weaver Academy, Guilford County Schools, North Carolina
- Caryn Pernu, Program Strategies Director, National Youth Leadership Council

Moderator: Kelita Bak, CEO, National Youth Leadership Council

WHEN: Thursday, September 13, 2012

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, SVC 203-2
Washington, D.C.

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