



**MEDIA ADVISORY**

EVENT DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 8 p.m. ET

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**TONIGHT'S TV SHOW TO SPOTLIGHT STIMULUS PACKAGE**

***Education Reform and Innovative Programs to be Featured on Department's TV Program***

The U.S. Department of Education's monthly TV show, "Education News Parents Can Use," focuses tonight on how the new economic stimulus package will benefit families, students and educators by encouraging education innovation, incentivizing reform, and ensuring our nation's future competitiveness.

The program will be carried from 8 to 9 p.m. ET tonight on the Dish Network, dozens of PBS stations and numerous cable outlets. Other broadcast, cable and satellite channels will air the show on a tape-delayed basis. A complete listing of viewing options is available at [www.ed.gov/edtv](http://www.ed.gov/edtv). In addition, the program will be webcast live and archived at [www.connectlive.com/events/ednews/](http://www.connectlive.com/events/ednews/).

Among the topics to be discussed:

- What are the key educational components of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act?
- How will the act spur reform and make us more competitive in the global economy?
- What are the key reforms directed through the Act and how will that lead to greater student achievement?
- Where can parents and educators find out more about the law and monitor how the funds are being spent on the federal, state and local level?

**WHO:** U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan (taped).  
Eric Smith, Florida commissioner of education.  
Mike Cohen, president, Achieve.  
Doris Jackson, principal, Wakefield High School in Arlington, Va.  
Kasandra Lassiter, principal, Seat Pleasant Elementary School in Seat Pleasant, Md.  
Rasuli Lewis, director, Practitioner's Institute of the Harlem Children's Zone in New York City.  
Richard Wertheimer, founder and principal, City Charter High School in Pittsburgh.

**WHAT:** Broadcast of the Education Department's monthly TV program, "Education News Parents Can Use."

**WHERE:** WETA-TV studios  
3620 S. 27th St.  
Arlington, Va. (Shirlington neighborhood near I-395)

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**WEB SITE:** <http://www.ed.gov/edtv/>

Education News Parents Can Use is the U.S. Department of Education's monthly television series focusing on schools, learning and student success. It airs live via satellite the third Tuesday of each month during the school year, offering parents and others vital information about getting involved in children's learning. For more on the program and access to archived shows, please visit [www.ed.gov/edtv](http://www.ed.gov/edtv).

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