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***One Year Later: Citywide Collaborative Reports  
on Progress to Alleviate Dropout Crisis***

*Mayor-elect Michael Nutter and distinguished panelists will respond to Project U-Turn Collaborative's efforts addressing Philadelphia's dropout crisis and discuss next steps towards its resolution.*

- WHAT:** A gathering of 150 community leaders designed to:
- Report on progress since Project U-Turn Collaborative's commitments of October 2006;
  - Continue to build political will in support of efforts to re-engage struggling students and out-of-school youth; and
  - Showcase youth experiences and successes over the past year.

- WHO:** Speakers:
- Honorable **Michael Nutter**, Philadelphia Mayor-Elect
  - **Sandra Dungee Glenn**, Chair, School Reform Commission
  - Honorable **Chaka Fattah**, U.S. House of Representatives
  - **Feather O. Houstoun**, President, The William Penn Foundation
  - **Laura Shubilla**, CEO and Co-President, The Philadelphia Youth Network
  - Young people who have returned to education after dropping out
- Panelists:
- **Thomas M. Brady**, Interim CEO, School District of Philadelphia
  - **Julia Danzy**, Director, Philadelphia Division of Social Services
  - Honorable **Kevin M. Dougherty**, Administrative Judge, Common Pleas Court
  - **Jerry Jordan**, President, Philadelphia Federation of Teachers
  - Honorable **James R. Roebuck, Jr.**, Chair, House Education Committee
  - **Gerald L. Zahorchak**, Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**WHEN:** **November 27, 2007, 10:00 am – noon**

10:00 Welcome  
10:15 **Report** on Accomplishments  
10:30 **Response** by Distinguished Panelists  
11:15 **Recommit** to Collectively Solving the Dropout Crisis  
11:45 Charge to the Audience

**WHERE:** **School District of Philadelphia Education Center - Atrium**  
440 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA

*Event will offer photo opportunities  
Youth, speakers and panelists will be available for interviews*

For more information on Project U-Turn or to view its reports on Philadelphia's dropout crisis and how to resolve it, please go to [www.projectUturn.net](http://www.projectUturn.net).

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