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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF
FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1998**

Washington, D.C. -- On Tuesday, September 8, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit the John Eaton Elementary School in Washington, D.C. The First Lady will highlight the important effect school modernization efforts, including structural repairs of substandard school buildings, has in improving student achievement rates. She will also announce Administration grants, focusing on reading and math specialists, which will support ongoing reforms in District schools. The First Lady joins the President, the Vice President, and Cabinet members in celebrating "School Modernization Day", an opportunity to call attention to the need for modernizing and improving our local schools.

EVENT: Back-to-School / "School Modernization Day" Event
DATE: September 8, 1998
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
LOCATION: John Eaton Elementary School
3301 Lowell St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Press Notes

This event is open to the press. A mult is provided. Throw is 35'. Lighting is not provided.

Pre-set: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Final access: 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Credentialing Information

No pre-credentialing is required. Please bring standard press identification to gain access to the event. Press should enter site via the school's main entrance. On-street parking. The on-site contact is Marissa Luzzato.

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Back-to-School/
"School Modernization
Day" Event
9/8/98

FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON PROMOTES SCHOOL MODERNIZATION AND ANNOUNCES NEW GRANTS TO SUPPORT D.C. SCHOOL REFORM

September 8, 1998

Today, the First Lady will visit John Eaton Elementary School in Washington, D.C., to highlight the importance of school modernization to educational success and to announce two grants from the Administration that will support school reform efforts in D.C.'s public schools. The First Lady's event takes place as the President, Vice President and Cabinet members celebrate "National School Modernization Day" in events around the country. In fact, over 80 communities nationwide will call attention to the need school modernization today by discussing practical investments in local schools. The First Lady will also highlight the District's successful start of the school year --for the first time in four years, all 146 public schools in the District opened as scheduled as all major repairs were completed before school began.

New Report Demonstrates the Need for School Modernization. According to a new report released today titled "A Back to School Special Report on the Baby Boom Echo," total public and private school enrollment this fall will be a record 52.7 million, surpassing last fall's all time high by 500,000 students. New enrollments records will continue to be set for at least the next eight years -- and by 2008, 54.3 million young people are expected to be attending elementary and secondary school. In addition, the need for school renovation is more evident than ever. Several studies have indicated that student achievement is affected by the condition of school buildings: achievement is typically lower for students who occupy substandard buildings, compared to students in buildings of better quality. Perhaps nowhere is the need for modernization more apparent than in D.C., where many schools are in dire need of extensive repair. That is why it is so critical that Congress passes the President's initiative for a \$22 billion bond initiative to build, renovate and modernize more than 5,000 schools. Under his plan, the District of Columbia would received a total of \$85 million in bonds for building repair and construction for FY 99.

A New Grant to Support School Reform Efforts and High Standards for Reading. Today, the First Lady will announce a \$10 million grant for the D.C. Public School system this year to help advance the ongoing school reform efforts. Of this grant, almost \$7 million will fund reading specialists for every public school to ensure that children can meet new, higher standards for reading. The Administration will fund another \$10 million for math specialists next year, contingent upon funding from Congress. In addition, this grant will support efforts to improve instruction and teacher training, assist teachers in developing curriculum, and involve parents in the education of their children. The grant is intended to help the District's public school system implement system-wide and school-based academic and management reforms.

New Grant to Help Ensure D.C. Students are Ready for the World of Work. The First Lady will also announce a new grant of almost \$2 million from the Departments of Labor and Education to D.C. to implement its School-to-Career program. The program is part of the District's education reform efforts to better prepare its students for the jobs of the 21st century. It will place an on-site school-to-career coordinator in every D.C. high school, who will work to connect students to employers throughout the district, through internships and mentoring programs, and will promote career awareness and exploration in elementary and middle schools in the District.

**PRESIDENT CLINTON ANNOUNCES NEW RECORD SCHOOL
ENROLLMENT
AND CALLS ON CONGRESS TO HELP IMPROVE, MODERNIZE
SCHOOLS**

"The ultimate national security of any country rests in the strength of its own citizens. And for us, that means we have got to prove that no matter how diverse we are, we can still offer a world-class education to every single American child." -President Clinton, August 31, 1998

"Baby Boom Echo" Yields 52.7 Million Schoolchildren this Fall. Joined by roughly 50 Members of Congress, and education, community and business leaders in more than 80 cities across the United States, President Clinton on Tuesday, September 8, will release a new Department of Education report --the third annual Report on the Baby Boom Echo. The findings include:

- 52.7 million children attend public and private elementary and secondary schools in America today -- the highest school enrollment ever.
- 2.2 million teachers will need to be hired over the next ten years.
- A record 14.6 million students will attend college this year.

The report includes current and projected data on specific states, as well as data on recent growth in selected suburban communities across the country.

Communities Cite Needs, Successes on National School Modernization Day.

According to a recent GAO Report, about 14 million students attend schools that need extensive repair or replacement of one or more buildings. Almost 60 percent of America's schools reported at least one major building feature in disrepair. In communities across the country, elected officials, parents, business leaders and others will gather to hear the President's remarks, and discuss their own communities' strategies for school construction and renovation, achieving smaller class sizes with well-qualified teachers, and taking advantage of new technologies. These local forums are part of National School Modernization Day on September 8.

President Clinton Calls for Immediate Action by Congress. The President will urge Congress to help America address these pressing needs by enacting --in the next month before leaving Washington --the education agenda that he first proposed in the State of the Union address, including:

- **BUILDING AND RENOVATING OVER 5,000 SCHOOLS.** The President has proposed School Modernization Tax Credits to help provide all students with safe, state-of-the-art school buildings. The proposal would use Federal tax credits to pay interest on nearly \$22 billion in bonds.
- **HIRING 100,000 TEACHERS TO REDUCE CLASS SIZE.** President Clinton is committed to helping local schools provide smaller classes with well-prepared teachers in the early grades. The initiative would provide \$12.4 billion over seven years to reduce class size in grades 1-3 to a nationwide average of 18 and help make sure that every child

receives individual attention, gets a solid foundation for further learning, and learns to read independently and well by the end of third grade.

- ***HARNESSING TECHNOLOGY FOR EDUCATION.*** The Clinton Administration has made an unprecedented commitment to bring technology into the classroom and ensure that all children are technologically literate by the dawn of the 21st century. However, the House appropriations bill cuts the President's request for educational technology by \$180 million, while the Senate cuts it by \$98 million. They eliminate \$75 million for technology teacher training, which would help new teachers learn to use technology effectively to strengthen instruction and enhance student learning, and they also cut \$50 million from the President's request for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund, which would deny funding to 400 school districts to provide students and teachers with access to classroom computers, training and the latest educational software and telecommunications technology. The President will also continue to strongly oppose any effort by the Congress to repeal or delay the e-rate -- an expansion of universal service to provide discounted Internet access and telecommunications services to schools and libraries.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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PREV RON The White House

10:45am **DEPART** South Portico
VIA Motorcade
EN ROUTE John Eaton Elementary School
[Drive time: 15 minutes]

11:00am **ARRIVE** John Eaton Elementary School
3301 Lowell, NW
PROCEED to Hallway for Meet and Greet

11:00am- **MEET AND GREET**
11:10am Hallway
CLOSED PRESS/WH PHOTO

PARTICIPANTS: 10-15 parents and students

11:10am- **TOUR** Computer Laboratory
11:20am John Eaton Elementary School
POOL PRESS (STILLS ONLY) /WH PHOTO

FORMAT:

- The First Lady, accompanied by Arlene Ackerman, Superintendent, D.C. Public School System, and Jean Tate, Principal, John Eaton Elementary School, tours a computer laboratory.

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PARTICIPANTS:

- The First Lady
- Arlene Ackerman, Superintendent, D.C. Public School System
- Jean Tate, Principal, John Eaton Elementary School

11:20am

PROCEED to Library

11:25am-
12:00pm

SCHOOL MODERNIZATION EVENT

Library

John Eaton Elementary School

Hold: Room 209

Phone: 202/282-0103

Fax: 202/435-6077

OPEN PRESS/WH PHOTO

FORMAT:

- Jean Tate, Principal, John Eaton Elementary School, makes welcoming remarks and introduces Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton.
- Representative Holmes Norton makes remarks and introduces Senator James Jeffords.
- Senator Jeffords makes remarks and introduces Arlene Ackerman, Superintendent, D.C. Public School System.
- Arlene Ackerman makes remarks and introduces Lenora Steinkamp, Kindergarten teacher.
- Lenora Steinkamp makes remarks and introduces the First Lady.
- The First Lady makes remarks.
- Upon conclusion, the First Lady proceeds to the Auditorium.

PARTICIPANTS: 50-60 parents, teachers and community members

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12:05pm- **DROP-BY** Auditorium
12:15pm Auditorium
John Eaton Elementary School
POOL PRESS/WH PHOTO

FORMAT:

- Lenora Steinkamp, Kindergarten teacher, introduces the First Lady.
- The First Lady makes brief, informal remarks to the student body.
- Upon conclusion, the First Lady departs.

PARTICIPANTS: 500 students

12:15pm **DEPART** Eaton Elementary School
VIA Motorcade
EN ROUTE South Portico
[Drive time: 15 minutes]

12:30pm **ARRIVE** South Portico

1:00pm- **PRIVATE MEETING**
1:30pm Residence
CLOSED PRESS/NO WH PHOTO

PARTICIPANTS:

The First Lady
Marsha Berry
Patti Solis Doyle
Bobbie Greene
Ellen Lovell
Capricia Marshall
Melanne Verveer

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1:45pm-
2:15pm

PRIVATE MEETING
Residence
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PARTICIPANTS:
The First Lady
Sidney Blumenthal
Kelly Craighead
Melanne Verveer

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The White House

The Act, part of the President's 1994 Crime Bill, provides funding to the states through the STOP (Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors) grants for law enforcement, prosecution and victim services to prevent and respond to violence against women. Each state, territory and the District of Columbia receives a specific amount based on a population-based formula. The report being released today details the achievements realized thus far through STOP funding. In Fiscal Year 1995, the first year, the STOP program allocated \$26 million nationwide. In Fiscal Year 1996, it grew to \$130 million, \$ 145 million in FY 1997 and \$172 million in FY 1998.

The report was prepared by the Urban Institute under a grant from the National Institute of Justice, the research and evaluation arm of the Department of Justice.

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