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\$15 Million Grant to Bolster Success of Oakland Middle-Schools
Mayor makes good on campaign pledge to support wrap-around services

Oakland – May 5, 2008 – Fulfilling a goal from his 2006 mayoral campaign, Mayor Ron Dellums today joined representatives from the Atlantic Philanthropies to announce a major grant to increase the success of middle-school students in Oakland and bolster their chances of graduating high school.

“Oakland’s young people are our most precious resource and any investment in them is an investment in our future,” said Mayor Dellums. “This project is another example of how we continue to embrace our children and are working to improve their lives. Oakland is grateful for the opportunity to work with Atlantic Philanthropies on the Integrated Services in Schools Initiative.”

The Atlantic Philanthropies, an international foundation with a focus on children and youth, hosted the press conference at Calvin Simmons Middle School – one of the sites that will benefit from this grant. Oakland was selected as one of several sites nationwide to implement this ambitious local initiative.

The new initiative, Integrated Services in Schools (ISS), is designed to ensure that middle school students succeed in school by providing them with multiple supports, including comprehensive on-site school-based health services and before- and after-school and summer learning opportunities.

Oakland was chosen for this four-year initiative because of its demonstrated success in both school reform and community development. The local initiative will be led by Safe Passages and Youth Ventures JPA on behalf of the multi-jurisdictional partnership it represents: Alameda County, The City of Oakland, Oakland Unified School District and the East Bay Community Foundation.

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