American Educational Research Association MEDIA BRIEFING AGENDA

Friday, December 1, 2006 National Press Club, Washington, D.C. Holeman Lounge

Education Research on Race-Conscious School Assignment Prior to Two Supreme Court Cases

The American Educational Research Association (AERA) presents social science knowledge and significant education research findings that address salient issues in two U.S. Supreme Court cases on race-conscious school assignment. Oral arguments in these cases: (*Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No.1, et al* and *Crystal D. Meredith, Custodial Parent and Next Friend of Joshua Ryan McDonald v. Jefferson County Board of Education, et al*), will take place on Monday, December 4. The cases address when school districts can voluntarily consider race as a factor in assigning students to elementary and secondary schools.

Welcome and Introduction

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