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July 25, 2014

Buffalo will host a symposium commemorating the 60th anniversary of the 1954 landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision, desegregating American public schools. Titled "*Before & 60 Years After Brown v Board of Education*," the symposium reflects the Supreme Court case that precipitated the decision, which arguably became the most important of the twentieth century, affecting millions of Americans across the entire United States and is free and open to the public.

WHEN: Tuesday, July 29, 2014- 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Break-12:00 PM to 12:30 PM)

WHERE: Buffalo Downtown Central Library

Mason O. Damon Auditorium

1 Lafayette Square

This program is expected to address the status of public education before "Brown" and its' applicability to our present education system. An integral part of the symposium will involve a panel, comprised of a diverse cross-section of concerned "stakeholders" that will field questions and provide answers presented by the audience.

Governor Cuomo's Western New York Regional Representative, Ms. Geraldine Ford will deliver the opening remarks on behalf of Governor Cuomo and will serve on the panel. Special guest, Ms. Monique Lin-Luse, assistant counsel, Education Practice Group, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Inc. - New York City, will make a presentation and participate on the panel. The NAACP, led at the time by Attorney Thurgood Marshall successfully argued the "Brown" case before the U.S. Supreme Court. The program includes a biography of Thurgood Marshall presented by Mrs. Eva Doyle, Historian, Columnist/ Educator. There will also be a vocal performance by Master Jashaun Price.

The list of the additional panelists, in alphabetical order, is as follows;

-Roberta Cates, B.P.T.O.

- Henry J. Durand, Senior Associate Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education, Director Center for Academic Development Services; Educational Leadership And Policy, University At Buffalo

-Charley Fisher III, President, B.U.I.L.D.

-Betty Jean Grant, Minority Leader, Erie County Legislature

-Murray Holman, Chairman, Buffalo Stop The Violence Coalition, Inc.

-Jennifer Mecozzi, PUSH-Buffalo

-Frank M. Mesiah, President, NAACP-Buffalo Branch

-Yvonne S. Minor-Ragan, PhD., President, Buffalo Promise Neighborhood, representing M & T Bank

- Barbara Seals Nevergold PhD.

-Rev. Kinzer Pointer, Pastor And Community Activist

-Sam Radford, President, D.P.C.C.

-Sergio Rodriguez

-Henry Taylor, Professor, Center For Urban Studies, University At Buffalo

-Antoine Thompson

(Speakers are subject to change) _____

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