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## WELCOME

On behalf of the educators, human service providers, business leaders and parents who have worked together to develop this program we welcome you here today.

We are taking this opportunity to share our success and plans for implementing this exciting new program. The Immigrants All...Americans All program has evolved over the last five years from a focused curriculum project to a comprehensive training, resource and support program for our nation's schools. This evolution is largely a result of your input. Countless school teachers, administrators, parents, community, philanthropic and civic representatives have given us needed feedback which helped mold our current program.

The goals of this program, its target audiences, and its dissemination plan have been designed to address your expressed priorities. We recognize that our schools need help and that parents can and should play a vital role in assuring their children's success. We understand that today's diverse student population has unique needs and teachers require special tools to enable them to respond to student needs effectively. Finally, we realize that school personnel deserve ongoing support and new resources as they cope with today's classroom challenges. The Immigrants All...Americans All program has been created to help reduce many of the "risk factors" associated with school failure.

Our speakers today, Mr. Rob Shuman, Dr. Hal Morse, Professor Charles Keely, Mr. Robert Callaway, Dr. Floretta McKenzie and Dr. Gail Christopher each bring a combination of experience and vision which reflects the creativity and insight that have shaped this program.

We hope you will agree with us that the subject of immigration/migration offers a unique window of opportunity for delivering needed resources to our nation's schools, and for building the capacities of our youth in several critical areas. We appreciate your participation and we welcome your feedback. Our thanks are extended, once again, to the organizations that have co-sponsored today's meeting.

Sincerely.

Eleanor Sreb Acting Chairman Allan Kullen Project Director

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