

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEWS CONFERENCE ON PROPOSED  
HIGH STAKES TESTING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS  
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Autism Project of Rhode Island: Joanne Quinn

The mission of the Autism Project is to develop a comprehensive system of care and resources that meet the needs of children and adults with autism and their families including education, health, vocational, career, and social and community needs.

Center for Hispanic Advocacy and Policy: Doris Blanchard, Victor Arias

The Center for Hispanic Policy and Advocacy (CHisPA) is a bilingual Latino community-based non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for Latinos by providing a variety of programs and services.

George Wiley Center: Maggi Rogers

The George Wiley Center is a statewide group actively committed to community organizing for the purpose of creating social and economic justice through changes in public policy.

Parent Support Network of Rhode Island: Valeska Parker.

PSNRI is an advocacy and support organization with a focus on supporting parents who have children with emotional and mental health challenges.

Progreso Latino: Mario Bueno, Marta Martinez

Progreso Latino is a non-profit organization providing comprehensive services that promote education, economic development, leadership and social progress for Latinos and other immigrants.

Rhode Island Affiliate, American Civil Liberties Union: Steven Brown

The Rhode Island ACLU is a non-profit organization promoting civil rights and civil liberties through advocacy, education and litigative activities.

Rhode Island Disability Law Center: Anne Mulready.

The Rhode Island Disability Law Center is a federally funded non-profit law office that represents people with disabilities on disability-related legal issues, including children with disabilities seeking special education services, as well as adults with disabilities facing barriers to employment.

Rhode Island Legal Services: Veronika Kot.

RILS is the state's major law firm for low-income people with civil legal problems, providing a full range of legal assistance and community legal education services to its client community.

Urban League of Rhode Island: Tish DiPrete

The Urban League of RI is a community-based, non-profit organization whose mission is the elimination of racial discrimination and segregation in the state, and the achievement of parity for Blacks, other minorities, and the poor in every phase of American life.

Young Voices: Karen Feldman.

Young Voices transforms urban youth into powerful advocates who impact systemic change on issues that matter most to young people.