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THE LEARNING COMMUNITY GROUP, MASSIMPACT, AND ACCESS HOLYOKE ANNOUNCE MUSIC AND TECHNOLOGY PILOT Organizations Make Music Together In Western Massachusetts

BOSTON, MA, - April 1st, 2004 - Today, the Learning Community Group (Boston), MassIMPACT (Boston), and Access Holyoke (Holyoke) have announced the launch of a Learning Through Music and Technology (LTMT) pilot program for students in Western Massachusetts. Funded by MassImpact, the innovative program designed by The Learning Community Group (LCG) aims to bring innovative music and technology programming to the community centers of the Access Holyoke Consortium.

Technology and Music in Concert Together

“This is a tremendous opportunity for all of us” said Craig Davis, LCG Founder and Vice President. “LTMT programs are excellent ways in which communities can integrate technology and fine arts education during out of school time and the summer months.”

The current program is scheduled to take place from April 5th to June 11th at the Neuva Esperanza Technology Center and the YMCA of Holyoke, MA, with a planned extended summer session to follow. The program services Access Holyoke consortium members from Enlace, Marken, Paper City Sounds, Youth Build, El Alcoliris, Nuestras Raices, YMCA, and Nueva Esperanza.

“By partnering with the LCG and MassIMPACT, Access Holyoke now has a strong foundation to build and sustain innovative programs like LTMT for our consortium members”, said Carlos Vega, Executive Director of Nueva Esperanza. “We are pleased to be able launch this program that reflects our shared dedication to arts integration in education in such a comprehensive way”.

About The Learning Community Group

The Learning Community Group (LCG) is a research and teaching organization that provides schools and communities with strategic technology planning, curriculum development, web-based communication systems, and end-user training. TheLCG serves non-profit organizations such as schools, libraries, early childhood and crisis centers, homeless shelters, and museums such as the Boston Museum of Science. Recently, TheLCG has designed and delivered innovative LTMT programs across Boston and Western Massachusetts.

Thaddeus Miles and MassIMPACT

As the Director of Public Safety at Mass Housing and Executive Director of MassIMPACT, Mr. Miles is responsible for implementing crime prevention strategies affecting several thousand units of housing throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mr. Miles chairs and/or co-chairs a number of award
winning Community Safety Task Force committees. On behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and MassHousing, he spearheaded the development of eleven community-run computer centers in the Roxbury and Dorchester neighborhoods of Boston, and is a founding member of MassIMPACT.

**About Access Holyoke**

The Access Holyoke project (led by Nueva Esperanza) brings together a consortium of eight agencies that provide access to computers and high quality technology-based education for low-income, predominantly Latino families in the city of Holyoke. The project supports a number of formal programs, including Adult Basic Education, GED, ESOL, Family Literacy, afterschool, and computer instruction (from introductory and intermediate computer use through a new pilot A+ certification preparatory course). These activities take place at the project’s 13 CTCs

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