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You've Voted, Now Speak Up!

Students Share Their Opinions on What They Would Do As President To Improve Schools

**The 2008 Speak Up Survey Is Open – for Students, Parents, Teachers –
Through December 23rd <http://www.tomorrow.org/speakup/>**

Irvine, Calif. – Students, teachers and parents have the chance to have their voices heard in Washington D.C. and in state capitals on creating the ultimate school, technology use in learning and 21st century skills by taking part in the national Speak Up survey. In recognition of the importance of yesterday's election, K-12 students are being specifically asked on this year's survey how they would improve schools if they were the President. The findings will be shared with Congress and the Obama Administration in March 2009.

“As we prepare for the new President, a new Congress and many new Governors around the country, it is more important than ever for teachers, students and parents to have a voice in the new national discussions about 21st century education,” said Julie Evans, CEO of Project Tomorrow. “Don't let the ideas of your students, teachers, parents and administrators be left out of this landmark national project. Voting on election day is just step one – now is the time to join more than 15,000 students, parents and educators who have already completed their Speak Up surveys.”

The 2008 online survey – open now through December 23rd for all K-12 students, parents, teachers and administrators at <http://www.tomorrow.org/speakup/> – offers the largest collection of authentic, unfiltered input on education and technology from those ‘on the ground’ in the schools. Individual participation and responses provided in the Speak Up survey are completely confidential and completing the online survey takes only 15 minutes. The Speak Up surveys are open to every public and private school and district in the United States, American schools on military bases, and other interested schools worldwide.

Since 2003, more than 1.2 million K-12 students, teachers, and parents from more than 14,000 schools in all 50 states have participated in Speak Up. The annual online survey is facilitated by Project Tomorrow (formerly known as NetDay) and supported by many of our nation's most innovative companies, foundations and nonprofit organizations including CDW-G, SMART Technologies, PASCO scientific, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Blackboard, Wimba and 1105 Media Education Group.

About Project Tomorrow

Speak Up is a national initiative of Project Tomorrow (formerly known as NetDay), the nation's leading education nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that today's students are well prepared to be tomorrow's innovators, leaders and engaged citizens of the world. Since fall 2003, the annual Speak Up project has collected and reported on the views of over 1.2 million K-12 students, teachers, administrators and parents representing over 14,000 schools in all 50 states. The Speak Up data represents the largest collection of authentic, unfiltered stakeholder input on education, technology, 21st century skills, schools of the future and science instruction. Education, business and policy leaders report use the data regularly to inform federal, state and local education programs. For additional information, visit www.tomorrow.org.

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