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KENNEDY, MENINO TO CELEBRATE SUCCESS OF EXPANDED SCHOOL DAY

*THROUGH PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN STATE AND MASSACHUSETTS 2020, CLARENCE R.
EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CHARLESTOWN SETS AN EXAMPLE FOR NATION*

BOSTON, MA- On Wednesday, January 9th at 11:30 AM, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the U.S. Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pension's (HELP) Committee, will join Mayor Thomas M. Menino, administrators, teachers, parents and students in celebrating the success of expanded school day programs in Massachusetts at the Clarence R. Edwards Middle School in Charlestown. The Edwards Middle School implemented the state's Expanded Learning Time Initiative in 2006 and has achieved significant gains in academic progress. As Chairman of the U.S. Senate's HELP Committee, Senator Kennedy has been a longtime supporter of expanded learning time, and has pushed to replicate Massachusetts' efforts at the national level.

WHO: Senator Edward M. Kennedy
Mayor Thomas M. Menino
Carol Johnson, Superintendent, Boston Public Schools
Chris Gabrieli, Chairman, Massachusetts 2020

WHAT: Celebration of Success of Extended School Day

WHEN: Wednesday, January 9, 2008
11:30 AM

WHERE: Clarence R. Edwards Middle School
28 Walker Street, Charlestown, MA

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