

MEDIA ADVISORY



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ASPIRA and the Verizon Foundation To Announce National Educational Program to Assist Latino Charter Schools

PHILADELPHIA – The ASPIRA Association will announce a significant grant from the Verizon Foundation at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 22 at the ASPIRA Antonia Pantoja Charter School, 4101 North. American Street. The grant will fund the creation of an innovative national model charter school program to improve access to educational resources and teacher training opportunities for charter schools serving Latino students. In addition a teacher and students from the school will demonstrate some of the new Earth Day resources available through Verizon Thinkfinity (www.thinkfinity.org).

WHO: Ronald Blackburn-Moreno, president and CEO of the ASPIRA Association
Alfredo Calderon, executive director of ASPIRA of Pennsylvania
Alison Clothier, teacher at Antonia Pantoja Charter School
Yolanda Cooper, master teacher at Antonia Pantoja Charter School
Patrick Gaston, president, Verizon Foundation
Gale Given, Verizon Pennsylvania president of public policy and external affairs
Evelyn Nunez, principal of Antonia Pantoja Charter School
Magda Yrizarry, Verizon vice president – workplace culture and diversity

WHAT: Announcement of national program to provide educational resources and improve student achievement at charter schools serving Latino students

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
11 a.m. tour of the school

WHERE: ASPIRA Antonia Pantoja Charter School
4101 N. American St.
Philadelphia

BACKGROUND: ASPIRA and the Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon, have a long history of working together on improving educational opportunities for Latino students. Verizon Thinkfinity (www.thinkfinity.org) is a free educational Web site that provides tens of thousands of free educational resources for teachers, students and parents.

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