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### **No Child Left Behind: Successes, Failure, Changes**

The League of Women Voters of New Jersey will be holding a panel discussion on the No Child Left Behind Act on Saturday, March 29, 2008 from 9:30 am-12:00 pm at Rutgers University, Livingston Campus, Lucy Stone Hall, Piscataway.

The opening speaker of this event will be Representative Rush Holt (12<sup>th</sup> District) who is a member of the House Education and Labor Committee. Panel presentations and discussions will be led by Sean Hadley, Assistant for Government Relations, New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association; Dr. Chris Tienken, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Monroe Township; Candace Goldstein, Director of Special Programs, Orange School District; and Mary Anne Bonalsky, recently retired teacher, West New York School District.

The aim of the No Child Left Behind Act is to improve student achievement by maintaining high standards and by assisting 100% of students to meet state proficiency in reading and math by 2014. The discussion will center around the effectiveness of the No Child Left Behind Act and examine whether the goals of the act are being met in New Jersey classrooms and schools. The speakers will examine any unexpected consequences of the NCLB Act, take a look at how the act affects students, teachers, and curricula, and discuss what changes may be on the horizon as the NCLB Act is up for reauthorization.

The event is open to the public with no pre-registration required. Coffee and pasties will be served at 9:00 am. The cost is \$5 at the door. The League of Women Voters of New Jersey would like to thank Bank of America for their generous sponsorship of this important discussion.

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*Neither LWVUS nor LWVNJ have a position on the No Child Left Behind Act. This event is for educational purposes only.*