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Educational partners meet with state legislators

Little Sprouts founder and educational partners meet with state legislators to foster better educational systems

Boston, MA, Friday, March 30, 2007 – Little Sprouts Founder and CEO Susan Leger-Ferraro, along with educational partner Mark Andrews, Vice President of Northern Essex Community College met with State Representatives and Senators to show the strong and impactful alliance between higher education and early education. Leger-Ferraro noted, "We are thrilled to have the attention of the new administration and all the support from the Senators and State Representatives to make this year the 'Year of the Young Child!'" Andrews continued, "It was great to receive solid support from our legislators. Creating that seamless understanding between those in higher education and early education will no doubt lead to great benefits for Massachusetts children."

About Little Sprouts Child Enrichment Centers

Little Sprouts Child Enrichment Centers have been leaders in High Quality Childhood Education since 1982, focusing on involving families in each child's development and education. From the beginning, Little Sprouts has been committed to creating a holistic experience for children, combining a stimulating atmosphere and cutting-edge curriculum with an outstanding range of services. Little Sprouts has received national recognition from the U.S. Department of Education for the quality of their programs, having been named a Preschool Center of Educational Excellence and awarded the prestigious Early Reading First Grant two times, once in September 2003 for \$1.5M and again in September 2006 for \$3.49M. Little Sprouts centers include seven sites in Andover, Methuen, Lowell, Lawrence, Haverhill, Westford and Roxbury. Founder Susan Leger-Ferraro has been recognized as Intriguing Individual of the North Shore by *North Shore Living* in 2005 and received the YWCA's Tribute to Women in 2004. For more information visit www.littlesprouts.com

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