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BOSTON, MA [January 16, 2007] – The Center for Law and Education recently received a grant of \$50,000 from the Boston Foundation for its “Parent Education Initiative” project.

“This grant allows us to expand our Parent Education Initiative beyond an initial school site to reach parents throughout the Boston Public Schools,” said Center for Law and Education Co-Director Kathleen Boundy.

Typically, there is no effective intervention when students, especially poor and minority students, students with limited English proficiency, and students with disabilities, are denied a quality education. The Parent Education Initiative seeks to change this.

By working to implement the parent planning and participation provisions of Title I, the Parent Education Initiative expects to enable parents to become real partners in their children’s education. These provisions require Title I schools to work with parents to jointly develop and agree upon a parent involvement policy that directs how parents will be engaged in developing and implementing their school’s improvement plan. The school plan must identify the strategies and steps necessary to help ensure that every parent’s child receives a high quality education and achieves at high levels.

“By helping school communities share responsibility and by building parent capacity, the Parent Education Initiative will enhance the level and intensity of parent engagement in school reform,” said Boundy. “More importantly, the implementation of the parent planning and participation provisions will help make schools directly accountable to parents for providing a high quality education to their children.”

The Center for Law and Education strives to make the right of all students to quality education a reality throughout the nation and to help enable communities to address their own public education problems effectively, with an emphasis on assistance to low-income students and communities. For more information about CLE, visit [www.cleweb.org](http://www.cleweb.org) or call 617-451-0855.

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