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## **New School Dropout Book Published**

(Albuquerque, NM, March 22, 2001) – Eye on Education Inc, publisher of school related books, today announced the publication of *Strategies to Help Solve Our School Dropout Problem* written by Franklin P. Schargel and Dr. Jay Smink. In a time where school dropout rates are increasing, this book examines a number of techniques and interventions for reversing this disturbing trend. The book is appropriate for all of the stakeholders in today's educational process: administrators, educators, families, and the community.

In the forward to the book, Congresswoman Shelley Berkley (D, NV) states, "... the authors ... offer hope and suggestions on how to resolve this devastating problem using effective strategies taken from research and personal observations gleaned from highly successful dropout prevention programs in many school settings across America.... We know that viable solutions are available and these proven solutions can offer guidelines for other schools and communities to study and adapt to their own unique conditions. A significant increase in the high school graduation rate is within our reach.... That's why this book and the strategies for improvement it discusses are so important."

School dropouts exact a huge cost from the nation. It is costly to the individual, society, and business. With each dropout, our nation ultimately suffers losses of tax revenue, gainful employment, and heightened costs of welfare, as well as elevated drug and alcohol use and the increased likelihood of incarceration. According to the most recent information available, each dropout represents an average loss of \$58,930 in federal and state income taxes during his lifetime and for the 3,881,000 16 to 24 year olds who dropped out in 1991, that amounted to \$228.7 billion over their lifetimes. High School graduates earn 70% more than dropouts do. Not surprisingly, eighty-two percent of America's prisoners are high school dropouts.

### **About the Authors and Publisher**

Franklin P. Schargel is a former NYC educator and the author of numerous articles and the book, "Transforming Education Through Total Quality Management: A Practitioners Guide." He is chair-elect of the American Society of Quality's Education Division. More information about Mr. Schargel, his writings, and his workshops can be found at <http://www.schargel.com>.

Dr. Jay Smink is the Executive Director of the National Dropout Prevention Center based at Clemson University, Clemson, SC. Dr. Smink focuses a great deal of his research and writing on mentoring. More information about Dr. Smink and the National Dropout Prevention Center can be found at <http://www.dropoutprevention.org>.

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