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PRESS ADVISORY



Community Groups and City Council Members to Rally at Department of Education to Demand Action Ensuring Students' Safety After Last Week's Sikh Hair Cutting Attack in Queens

In a press conference to be held on Monday, June 4, 2007, Council Member John Liu and Members of the City Council along with a coalition of ethnic, religious, interfaith, and civil rights organizations, will ask the Department of Education to take immediate action to ensure the safety of students who face harassment and bias in city schools.

The Sikh Coalition will also release to the public preliminary results of an ongoing civil rights survey of Sikh children. The Coalition's survey makes clear that a majority of Sikh students in city school have experienced bias-based harassment and bullying.

- **What:** Press Conference: 1) Demonstrating City Council Member concern about bias and harassment in city schools 2) Releasing preliminary results of a survey of over 200 Sikhs children in New York City Schools; and 3) Issuing a collective statement from New York City community organizations on bias-based harassment in schools.
- **When:** June 4, 2007, 12:30 P.M.
- **Where:** Department of Education, Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers Street, New York City
- **Who:** Councilman John Liu and other members of the city council, the Sikh Coalition, and other New York City-based ethnic, religious, interfaith, and civil rights organizations and community members