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Partnership for Children and Youth Thanks Retiring Congressman George Miller for his Commitment to Education

Executive Director Jennifer Peck Was One of Three Community Leaders to Speak at his Announcement

Oakland, CA – January 15, 2014 – [Partnership for Children & Youth](#) (PCY) today thanked retiring U.S. Representative George Miller for his decades of advocacy on behalf of expanding high quality educational opportunities to all children. PCY Executive Director Jennifer Peck was one of three community leaders invited to speak at Rep. Miller’s press conference announcing he would not seek re-election.

“Congressman Miller is leaving some incredibly big shoes to fill,” said Peck. “He has been an outstanding champion and partner, not just to PCY and other organizations working towards the same goals, but to students and families throughout the country.”

Peck and Representative Miller co-wrote an [op-ed published last year in the Contra Costa Times](#), applauding the West Contra Costa United school district for its efforts in combatting child hunger by serving meals in afterschool programs at schools, tutoring sites, and housing developments. Representative Miller has been a champion in Washington for expanding access to afterschool and summer learning programs, fighting for increased resources for high-poverty schools, and was the lead House author in reauthorizing the Child Nutrition Act in 2010 that required nutritional improvements for meals and snacks in all public schools. PCY also worked closely with Miller and his staff to develop expanded-learning-time policies in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Peck said, “We are extremely eager to help Congressman Miller achieve his goals in his final year in Congress. And although it’s a tall order, we sincerely hope Congressman Miller’s successor will be just as passionate an advocate for children and families. We look forward to partnering with whomever he or she is, next year and beyond.”