

**SETTING THE HISTORICAL RECORD STRAIGHT:
EDUCATION IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION**



Join us on the birthday of our Nation

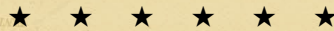
for the release of

EDUCATION IN THE 50 STATES:

**A DESKBOOK OF THE HISTORY OF STATE CONSTITUTIONS
AND LAWS ABOUT EDUCATION**

Wednesday, July 2, 2008
National Constitution Center
625 Arch Street, Independence Mall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1 p.m.

A reception with light refreshments to follow the release of the book



Thirty five years ago, the United States Supreme Court decided that the United States Constitution does not include a fundamental right to an education.

Now, an exciting new book explores the history of education in each of the 50 states and their constitutions, demonstrating that in fact, education was from the very beginning embedded in our earliest definition of citizenship.



**“The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.”
Greek philosopher, Diogenes Laertius (412-323 BC)**

Published by the **Institute for Educational Equity and Opportunity**
and prepared by the **Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia**

For more information contact:
Sheilah Vance, svance@ifeeo.org, 215-557-6224 or
Jennifer Clarke, jclarke@pilcop.org, 215-627-7100