

# ANNOUNCEMENT

*From the Department of Education*

## **Award-winning author, Jonathan Kozol will speak at East High School**

This nationally known public education advocate has dedicated four decades to issues of education and social justice and has authored several books on the topic, including, *Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools* (1992), *Amazing Grace: The Lives of Children and the Conscience of a Nation* (1995), and most recently, *The Shame of the Nation: The Restoration of Apartheid Schooling in America* (2005)

**Topic:** The Shame of the Nation: Educational Apartheid, High-Stakes Testing, and No Child Left Behind Act

**When:** March 27, 2006 at 7:00PM; Free and Open to the Public

**Where:** East High School, Rochester City School District

Presented by the Coalition for Common Sense in Education; sponsored in part by The Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester

Based on his documented visits to nearly 60 public schools in 11 states, Mr. Kozol believes that children of the inner cities are more racially isolated than ever since the landmark ruling of *Brown vs. Board of Education* in 1954:

On May 17, 1954, Chief Justice Earl Warren read the decision of the unanimous Court:

"We come then to the question presented: Does segregation of children in public schools solely on the basis of race, even though the physical facilities and other "tangible" factors may be equal, deprive the children of the minority group of equal educational opportunities? We believe that it does...We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal. Therefore, we hold that the plaintiffs and others similarly situated for whom the actions have been brought are, by reason of the segregation complained of, deprived of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment.  
<http://www.watson.org/~lisa/blackhistory/early-civilrights/brown.html>

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