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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin** will visit a Springfield 7<sup>th</sup> Grade class on **Monday, March 22** to explain the importance of the 2010 Federal Census which will be taken on April 1.

Secretary Galvin will be at the **Van Sickle Middle School, 1170 Carew Street, Springfield, at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 22**. He will be speaking to the 29 students in **Korin Hall's 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Class**.

Households began receiving the Federal Census forms last week. As part of the effort to achieve a complete count in the Census, Secretary Galvin, the Massachusetts liaison with the Census, and Commissioner of Education Mitchell D. Chester are sponsoring a census-related poster contests in each of the schools across the Commonwealth.

Winners will be chosen in each school and announced on April 7<sup>th</sup>. School winning poster will be forwarded to the state and a panel of educators, artists and census outreach people will select winners in four age categories from districts across the state – 28 winners in all. They will be honored at a May 21<sup>st</sup> luncheon in the Great Hall of the State House, hosted by Secretary Galvin.

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