**Media Advisory…**

From State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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**Ford, Lurie Children’s and Alternative Schools Network to Emphasize Need to Stop Youth Violence**

**CHICAGO** – State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, will join leading doctors from Lurie Children’s Hospital, students, parents and others to talk about the need to stop youth violence and increase investment in youth employment and trauma services at a press conference Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Thompson Center.

Ford will also preview an Illinois House Public Safety and Violence Prevention Task Force meeting scheduled for Thursday that will focus on the intersection of trauma, structural racism and mental health in Illinois youth.

Who: State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford;

Jack Wuest, Alternative Schools Network Executive Director;

Karen Sheehan, MD, MPH, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago

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Area youth

What: Press Conference on Stopping Youth Violence

When: Wednesday, May 25; 11 a.m.

Where: Thompson Center Media Room, 15th Floor; 100 W. Randolph St., Chicago

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