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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Rev. Jesse L. Jackson to Speak at Detroit's Martin Luther King High School in  
Commemoration of 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Brown v. Board**



On the eve of the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the monumental Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision, **Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.** will speak at **Martin Luther King, Jr. High School** in Detroit and urge students to “learn to live together across lines of race, religion, region and gender without violence:”

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017  
9:30 A.M.  
3200 E. Lafayette Street  
Detroit**

Rev. Jackson's talk at Martin Luther King comes one day before the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the earth-shaking Supreme Court decision that outlawed segregation.

In the last few days, Rev. Jackson has commemorated Brown v. Board in talks with high school students in Peoria, Illinois and Atlanta. On Wednesday, May 17, the actual anniversary, Rev. Jackson will speak at a high school and a middle school in Bolingbrook, Ill.

“The Brown v. Board decision on May 17, 1954 changed the whole Western World because it began a new global frame of reference for equal protection,” Rev. Jackson said. “Now everything we've fought for the last 63 years is under attack – voting rights, children's rights, women's rights, student's rights, gender equality, environmental protections. We the people have the power and the numbers to keep the country moving forward by hope and not backward by fear. But we must learn to live together across lines of race, religion, region and gender without violence. We must build bridges, not walls.”

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