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**TO:** Cultural Education Committee  
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**SUBJECT:** PBS Learning Media & New Initiatives  
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## SUMMARY

### Issue for Discussion

Staff from WNET – PBS station serving the New York City metropolitan area and Long Island – will provide an overview on their educational services for educators, families, and children and share plans for future projects.

### Reason for Consideration

For information.

### Background Information

WNET is America's flagship PBS station and parent company of THIRTEEN, serving the NYC metro area and WLIV21 in Long Island. WNET's Kids' Media and Education team creates dynamic media for a preK-12 audience and provides content and training to educators and families. Current projects include: *PBS LearningMedia New York*, a free platform featuring media-rich classroom content aligned to state standards; early learning workshops and events reaching thousands of diverse New York families and early childhood educators; social-emotional learning programs such as the *Understanding LGBTQ+ Identity* toolkit and workshop series; and innovative games for learning, including *Mission US*, the award-winning American history game, and *Cyberchase: Railway Heroes*, the first digital game from the PBS KIDS math series created specifically for children with physical and cognitive impairments.