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## **Extra Holiday News Flash! December 18, 2008**

Just after the last newsletter went out this week, we saw the big December 17 New York Times front page article about President-elect Obama's agenda for early childhood, entitled "Obama Pledge Stirs Hope in Early Childhood." Despite the recession, Obama and his aides are emphasizing their continuing priority for investment in early childhood. According to the article, the \$10 billion Obama has pledged for early childhood education would be the largest new federal initiative for early education since Head Start began in 1965.

To read the article, go to:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/17/us/politics/17early.html?\\_r=1&ei=5070&emc=eta1](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/17/us/politics/17early.html?_r=1&ei=5070&emc=eta1)

**Hopes are rising for a Happy New Year for early childhood!**