PRIMEDIA INC Form DEFA14A April 27, 2004

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Dear PRIMEDIA Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan Participants,

We recently sent you proxy materials for the PRIMEDIA Inc. 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The proxy card incorrectly stated the telephone number to be used for voting your proxy by telephone. The correct telephone number to vote by telephone is 1-800-850-5356. We have enclosed a corrected proxy card. If you have already voted your proxy by another means, you do not need to vote again unless you wish to change your vote.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you have any questions about the voting process, please call us at 800-334-9843 to speak with a live operator.

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#### PRIMEDIA Inc. 745 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK,NY 10151

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD MAY 12, 2004

Dear Stockholder:

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of PRIMEDIA Inc.will be held at 10:00 a.m.on Wednesday, May 12, 2004 at The Four Seasons Hotel, 57 East 57th Street, New York, New York 10022, for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect ten directors to the Board of Directors;
- To approve selection of independent public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004; and
- Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Only holders of Common Stock of PRIMEDIA Inc. of record at the close of business on April 1st, 2004 will be entitled to vote at the meeting or adjournment thereof.

To be sure that your vote is counted, we urge you to complete and sign the proxy card on the reverse side, detach it from this letter and return it in the postage paid envelope enclosed in this package. The giving of such proxy does not affect your right to vote in person if you attend the meeting. The prompt return of your signed proxy will aid the Company in reducing the expense of additional proxy solicitation.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BEVERLY C. CHELL
Vice Chairman and Secretary
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#### PRIMEDIA Inc.

This proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of PRIMEDIA Inc.
for the Annual Meeting on May 12, 2004

The undersigned appoints Maureen Sheehan and Christopher Fraser, and each of them, with full power of substitution in each, the proxies of the undersigned, to represent the undersigned and vote all shares of PRIMEDIA Inc. Common Stock which the undersigned may be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 12, 2004, and at any adjournment or postponement thereof, as indicated on the reverse side.

This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned stockholder. If no direction is given, this proxy will be voted FOR proposals 1 and 2.

THIS PROXY IS CONTINUED ON THE REVERSE.
PLEASE SIGN AND DATE ON THE REVERSE AND RETURN PROMPTLY

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#### PRIMEDIA Inc.

This proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of PRIMEDIA Inc. for the Annual Meeting on May 12, 2004

The undersigned, a participant in the PRIMEDIA Thrift & Retirement Plan, appoints the Trustee of the Plan the proxies of the undersigned, to represent the undersigned and vote all shares of PRIMEDIA Inc. Common Stock which the undersigned may be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 12, 2004, and at any adjournment or postponement thereof, as indicated on the reverse side.

This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned plan participant. If no direction is given, this proxy will be voted in accordance with the provisions of the PRIMEDIA Thrift & Retirement Plan documents.

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