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Leading Education Organizations Urge Swift Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

WASHINGTON –Today, an Alliance of 17 national education associations representing over ten million parents, educators and policymakers called for swift reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. “The Learning First Alliance strongly supports the reauthorization of ESEA in the current legislative session,” wrote Alliance Chair William Bushaw in a letter to President Obama and U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan. “We believe the stakes for our nation’s children—particularly low-income students and students of color, who have been ill served—are far too high for us to delay this important work.”

Alliance leaders pledged to work with President Obama and Secretary Duncan to expedite ESEA reauthorization.

The Learning First Alliance is a permanent partnership of 17 leading education associations with more than 10 million members dedicated to improving student learning in America's public schools. Alliance members include: the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, American Association of School Administrators, American Association of School Personnel Administrators, American Federation of Teachers, American School Counselor Association, Association of School Business Officials International, Council of Chief State School Officers, National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Association of State Boards of Education, National Education Association, National Middle School Association, National School Public Relations Association, National Staff Development Council, National PTA, National School Boards Association and Phi Delta Kappa International. The Alliance maintains www.publicschoolinsights.org, a website that features what’s working in public schools and districts across the country.