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Superintendent’s Statement Regarding California Being Selected as Finalist for Race to the Top Funding

July 27, 2010 (San Francisco) - “San Francisco is pleased to learn that California has been named a finalist in Phase 2 of the federal Race to the Top competition. As one of seven districts asked to lead the development of our state’s application, we believe our proposal reflects the best approach to education reform and respects our teachers, honors our students and prepares our state for the future. The opportunity to work with our colleagues across the state allowed us to bring the best approaches together and create something greater than any one of our individual school districts. In San Francisco, it furthers the work we have begun in partnership with our teachers and administrators unions to recruit, retain and develop effective teachers and school leaders. We have laid out a plan that is ambitious for California yet achievable. If our state is selected, we look forward to being a part of a statewide reform network.”

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