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CORE Superintendents Announce Support for Federal NCLB Waiver Flexibility

SACRAMENTO, CA – the California Office to Reform Education (CORE) announced its support for new [NCLB waiver flexibility](#) offered by the Obama Administration in exchange for state-led innovation targeted to improve teaching and learning for all students, close achievement gaps, and increase equity.

“We applaud President Obama and Education Secretary Duncan for encouraging results-driven innovation in public education. The Obama Administration is appropriately using its executive authority to offer much needed flexibility from overly rigid NCLB requirements in exchange for states’ commitment to transitioning to college- and career-ready standards and assessments; developing systems of differentiated recognition, accountability, and support for schools; and evaluating teacher and principal effectiveness and supporting improvement.

“By fulfilling these commitments, California will take important steps that will improve teaching and learning in our classrooms. By freeing us from federal mandates, this waiver process gives us the freedom to invest scarce education dollars where they are needed most – in the classroom. To help all students prepare for success in the competitive global economy, we need more high-quality teachers, not more rules that force us to spend money on practices that are often ineffective.

“We strongly urge the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and California State Board of Education to apply for the NCLB waiver. CORE is eager and available to work with the Board and the California Department of Education to help draft a plan that will ensure flexibility for California and allow us to make changes to our system that will better serve our students.”

[CORE](#) is a nonprofit organization that seeks to improve student achievement by fostering highly-productive, meaningful collaboration and learning between its seven member school districts: Clovis, Fresno, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Francisco, and Sanger Unified. Together these districts serve more than one million California students and their families.

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