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The Honorable Arne Duncan
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE CORE WAIVER APPLICATION

Dear Secretary Duncan:

The California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA), a non-profit organization representing California's 58 county superintendents, urges the U.S. Department of Education to approve the Education and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) waiver submitted by districts participating in the California Office to Reform Education (CORE).

We are pleased that the CORE districts have committed to reach goals in college and career readiness for all students, and are particularly focused on the success of English Learners and the elimination of disparity and disproportionality across all subjects.

The CORE waiver recognizes that future success of all students is possible only through a collaborative effort among schools, districts and communities. The districts participating in the CORE waiver are assuming unprecedented accountability for supporting students' academic, social and emotional development and growth. The focus on these important measures of student success is vital for developing successful citizens who will help communities and the economy in California thrive well into the future.

CCSESA urges the U.S. Department of Education to favorably review the CORE waiver application. The CORE waiver is a sound plan for improving teaching and learning. We look forward to working with the CORE districts as they reorient their work around lifelong success for all students.

Sincerely,

Peter Birdsall, Executive Director

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