



January 20, 2010

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

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

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Secretary,

The Learning First Alliance strongly supports reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act in the current legislative session. The Alliance is a partnership of 17 major national education associations that represent some ten million parents, educators and policymakers. We believe that the stakes for all our nation's children—and particularly low-income students and students of color, who have not been well-served—are far too high for us to delay this important work. The Alliance and its Board stand ready to help you move this critical law towards swift reauthorization.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Alliance Executive Director Claus von Zastrow at (202) 296-5220. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Bushaw".

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American Association of School  
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American Association of School  
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School Principals

National Association of Secondary  
School Principals

National Association of State  
Boards of Education

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