



PRESS STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM JED WALLACE, CEO AND PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA CHARTER SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION (CCSA), ON RACE TO THE TOP ANNOUNCEMENT

California not selected

SACRAMENTO, California.—“California being left out of the Race to the Top funds is a negative blow to public education, and a step backward in the need for reform.

“This is deeply disappointing for the children of California, particularly after Governor Schwarzenegger and Legislature acted to ensure California would meet the federal government’s eligibility requirements.

“We believe that California had a strong chance of being selected, particularly given the innovation and performance of charters within our state that both signed on and were interested in participating in the Race to the Top process.

“CCSA will continue to work with the Governor and Legislature to achieve true education reform in California.”

INFO: Out of 790 California public schools that signed on to Race to the Top, 331 of them were charters.

About the California Charter Schools Association

The California Charter Schools Association is the membership and professional organization serving 809 charter public schools that educate more than 341,000 charter school students in the state of California. The mission of the California Charter Schools Association is to lead the charter public school movement in California in order to increase the number of students attending high-quality charter schools. www.myschool.org.

Note to Media: We invite you to pursue the story and interview members of the California Charter Schools Association. CCSA will fully support your needs for resources pertaining to the story.

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