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Bay Area Council Statement on California not being Selected for Race to the Top Funding

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4, 2010 – In response to today’s announcement that California was not one of the 16 states to be awarded Race to the Top federal funding for education, the Bay Area Council issues the following statement, attributable to Jim Wunderman, President & CEO, of the Bay Area Council.

“While a terrible disappointment, today’s announcement that California has missed out on Race to the Top funds is an indicator of what we already knew: Our state desperately needs real education reform. California reached deep and broad into the realm of the possible in designing a reform agenda when preparing to apply for the Race to the Top funds. Today’s announcement that California was not selected for the first round of grant funding is disappointing but is not a closed door. We now have more time, and the challenge, to bring additional reforms to the table for round two. The Bay Area Council looks forward to working with all stakeholders, and our lawmakers in Sacramento, to find the path that will allow us to usher in a new era for education in California.”

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