



STATEMENT OF SCHOOL LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS ON THE AIM HIGHER ACT

Washington, D.C., July 24, 2018 — “Ensuring that the higher education system effectively trains and prepares teachers, principals, and other school leaders is essential to the overall success of our nation’s schools. Specifically, we are pleased that the Aim Higher Act would retain and strengthen preparation programs for teachers and school leaders by expanding the Teacher Quality Partnership Grant program, creating a new grant program to increase diversity of the educator workforce and increase the number of preparation programs. Additionally, we support the bill’s inclusion of measures to improve effective oversight of teacher and principal preparation programs and allow for increased interventions for preparation programs that need additional support. Finally, we appreciate the bill’s retention of the TEACH Grants and the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program that, respectively, bolster the ranks of those entering the educator workforce and encourage new educators to serve in high-need areas.

The Aim Higher Act prioritizes the need for strong educator preparation programs and recognizes the unique role of school leaders and the need for them to receive specific professional development and training. Our organizations are grateful for the opportunity to provide meaningful input during the drafting of this bill and look forward to continuing to work with the committee as this legislation progresses.

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