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State Schools Chief Tom Torlakson, State Board President Kirst Issue Joint Statement on NCLB Waiver Discussions

SACRAMENTO—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson and State Board of Education President Michael W. Kirst issued the following statement today regarding recent discussions with federal officials about a potential waiver to requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act:

“Despite consultations with the U.S. Department of Education in recent weeks, California will not be submitting an additional request for a waiver of federal requirements under the No Child Left Behind Act at this time.

“While California’s efforts to improve its education system continue to move forward, including implementation of the Common Core State Standards and the modernization of our assessment and accountability systems, the standards for obtaining a federal waiver remain difficult to meet for a state committed to local flexibility and decision-making.”

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