

BUSINESS COALITION
FOR
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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

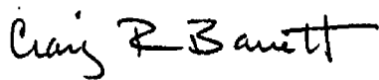
Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of the Business Coalition for Student Achievement (BCSA), we are submitting the attached Principles for Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

The Business Coalition for Student Achievement – representing business leaders from every sector of the economy – believes that improving the K-12 education system in the United States is necessary to provide a strong foundation for both U.S. competitiveness and for individuals to succeed in our rapidly changing world. We are committed to working with all stakeholders on this essential task.

Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) should be a top priority of the 111th Congress. Our principles for reauthorization reflect the business community's sense of urgency about the significant changes needed to enable all students to reach internationally benchmarked standards and higher levels of achievement.

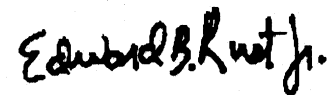
Sincerely,



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The Business Coalition for Student Achievement – representing business leaders from every sector of the economy – is committed to supporting policies that improve the performance of the K-12 education system in the United States. The Coalition is co-chaired by Craig R. Barrett, Former Chairman of Intel; William D. Green, Chairman & CEO of Accenture; and Edward B. Rust Jr., Chairman and CEO of State Farm. The Coalition is coordinated by Business Roundtable and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

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