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**Business Coalition for Student Achievement Statement on the Administration's
Blueprint for ESEA Reauthorization**

WASHINGTON – “The Business Coalition for Student Achievement commends the Administration’s release of its *Blueprint for Education Reform: The Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act*. The blueprint provides a thoughtful outline that builds on positive features of No Child Left Behind and has the potential to strengthen America's public education system significantly.

“The blueprint’s focus on the need for U.S. students to graduate from high school prepared to succeed in postsecondary education and careers, teacher and school leader effectiveness and innovation and competitive grants reflect many of the Business Coalition’s Principles for ESEA Reauthorization. Business leaders look forward to working with the Administration and Congress to pass a strong and effective bill with bipartisan support.

“It is critically important to improve the quality and results of K-12 education in the U.S. Our children and grandchildren are counting on us to help them get the education they need to succeed in the global economy. Let’s get it right for them and for our country,” said William D. Green, Chairman and CEO of Accenture, Co-Chair of the Business Coalition for Student Achievement, and Chairman of Business Roundtable’s Education, Innovation and Workforce Initiative.

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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 Barrett, Intel; William D. Green, Accenture; and Edward B. Rust Jr., State Farm and is coordinated by Business Roundtable and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.