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## **Business Leaders Comment on Education Legislation Introduced by Senate Republicans**

Bloomington, IL – Craig Barrett, former Board Chairman of the Intel Corporation; William Green, Chairman and former CEO of Accenture; and, Ed Rust, Chairman and CEO of State Farm; in their joint capacity as co-chairmen of the Business Coalition for Student Achievement, released the following statement in response to the series of education bills introduced by Senate Republicans.

“The Business Coalition for Student Achievement, a coalition of leading CEOs, applauds Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Johnny Isakson (R-GA), Richard Burr (R-NC), and Mark Kirk (R-IL) for moving the long-delayed conversation forward on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. While many of the proposed changes to current law are promising, others fall short of addressing real challenges. Federal education policy must ensure that **all** low performing schools are held accountable for results. Limiting accountability and improvement requirements to just five percent of schools will overlook thousands of schools and millions of students that deserve more from the education system. Unfortunately, neither this legislation proposed by Senate Republicans today, nor the Administration’s blueprint for the reauthorization of ESEA lives up to this standard. Federal education policy should firmly assert that all low performing schools should be subject to accountability and improvement requirements.

We urge Congress and the Administration to work together in a bipartisan manner to ensure that this reauthorization supports the success of **all** students by advancing key education principles, including college- and career-ready standards, accountability for all students, required action for all low performing schools, effective teachers and leaders, and clear and transparent data for parents, businesses and the community.”

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*The Business Coalition for Student Achievement (BCSA) 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.*