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## **L.A. AREA CHAMBER STATEMENT ON TODAY'S LAUSD REFORM AGREEMENT**

"This is an important step toward the collaboration the L.A. business community has been advocating. We commend the mayor, legislature and unions for putting aside their differences today and keeping their eyes on the prize—a high-performing public school system that prepares our kids for today's workforce.

We're looking forward to seeing the draft legislation. Based on the outline of the conceptual agreement, we are pleased to see that many of the reforms we support will be incorporated, especially increasing accountability and managerial control with the superintendent and moving more resources and control to the school sites.

From a business perspective, we are particularly interested in the details surrounding the selection of the superintendent and the process of approval for the budget. We are also intrigued by the notion of a special district to target and improve low-performing schools, and we eagerly await the opportunity to see the details of that proposal.

Today underscores the power of civic dialogue and collaboration to accomplish positive change. The Chamber looks forward to working with all parties involved to develop public support for comprehensive reform of our schools that builds upon the progress made by Superintendent Romer and LAUSD Board President Marlene Canter."

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