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Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval Selected as Next Chair of the Education Commission of the States

Denver – The Education Commission of the States (ECS) elected Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval as the next ECS Chair at the National Forum on Education Policy in Atlanta yesterday. Governor Sandoval will serve as Chair-elect for one year and commence his two-year term as Chair at the 2013 ECS National Forum next summer.

ECS was created in 1965 when states and territories made a commitment to work together to tackle tough education problems. Through ECS, state policymakers and education leaders exchange information, ideas and experiences to improve public education. ECS supports their work by providing nonpartisan and unbiased research, analysis, and technical assistance on education issues from Pre-K to postsecondary.

“I am honored to have been selected as Chair of the Education Commission of the States,” Governor Brian Sandoval said. “Improving and reforming education has been one of my highest priorities as Governor of Nevada and I look forward to working with education leaders across our nation to better serve our country’s children.”

Governor Sandoval will assume his leadership post next year from the current ECS Chair, Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper. The position alternates between Democratic and Republican governors every two years.

Governor Sandoval has made education reform one of his top priorities. He has reformed teacher tenure and evaluations, provided a path toward performance pay for educators, improved charter school governance, and connected higher education to economic development. His P-16 Advisory Council is focused on fostering a statewide longitudinal data system. He recently joined the advisory board of Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) and is piloting the JAG program in eight Nevada schools in the next school year.

“ECS thanks Governor Sandoval for his eagerness to lead ECS over the next three years. We are looking forward to working with him to advance states’
educational priorities and improve student achievement across the country.” ECS President Roger Sampson said.

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