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ECS Selects Second Slate of District Leaders for Civic Engagement and Service-Learning Network

DENVER – The Education Commission of the States (ECS) National Center for Learning and Citizenship (NCLC) today announced the second slate of members of its **100 District Leaders for Civic Engagement and Service-Learning Network**.

Thirty individuals – 15 district superintendents and 15 school board members – were selected from a national pool of applicants based on their leadership and commitment to integrate and sustain quality citizenship education and service-learning in K-12 schools. They join 44 previously selected Network members in a national cadre of district-level administrators and policymakers advancing the civic mission of American education through policy, practice and infrastructure. The final 26 Network members will be selected and announced in fall 2007.

Network members will meet February 28 at the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) National Conference on Education in New Orleans. The meeting will focus on research and the implications research has for quality practice leading to student achievement. AASA and the National School Boards Association (NSBA) join NCLC in sustaining this national network.

Network members will deepen support for citizenship education and service-learning in their districts, and broaden awareness of the importance of these issues by writing articles, conducting workshops at state and national conferences and hosting policy forums.

“We are pleased to welcome this new cohort of District Leaders Network members to our distinguished cadre of policymakers and leaders. Our constituents have acknowledged the critical link between state education policy and district implementation leading to student achievement,” said Roderick Chu, ECS Interim President. “I applaud these leaders’ commitment to the civic mission of education and to student engagement. Their collective voice will make an invaluable contribution to accountability and achievement in American education.”

NCLC was formed in 1997 at ECS to assist state and district policymakers and education leaders identify, develop and implement policies to support student academic and civic achievement. It is led by a board of chief state school officers, district superintendents, state legislators and national education leaders. NCLC is supported by funds from The Bay and Paul Foundations, Inc., the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the State Farm Companies Foundation.

To see the names of the Network members visit the NCLC Web site at www.ecs.org/nclc or contact Ann Rautio at 303-299-3606 or arautio@ecs.org.

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The Education Commission of the States (ECS) is an interstate compact created by the states, territories and the U.S. Congress that helps governors, legislators, state education officials and others identify, develop and implement public policies to improve student learning at all levels. A nonpartisan organization, ECS was formed in 1965 and is located in Denver, Colorado.

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