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## **Learning First Alliance Supports President's Bold Plan to Invest in Education**

***President's plan would improve education infrastructure and bring teachers back to classrooms***

**Washington, D.C. – September 9, 2011** – The Learning First Alliance (LFA), a partnership of 16 leading education associations representing more than 10 million members dedicated to improving student learning in America's public schools, applauds the President's call last night to invest in schools and teachers. LFA supports the President's focus on putting teachers back to work and investing in education infrastructure to make schools more efficient and innovative.

"We support the President's initiative," said Dan Domenech, LFA Board Chair and AASA executive director. "Placing teachers back in the classroom is essential to the educational needs of our students; putting people to work and making much needed repairs to our schools is a win-win situation."

LFA supports strong public education. Currently, with education budgets continuing to be cut at the state and local level, public schools are facing very difficult challenges that ultimately hurt students, such as growing class sizes, crumbling buildings, and lack of support services. The President's plan addresses these issues to improve public education for all children.

"The Learning First Alliance agrees with President Obama that every child deserves a great school and that we have a responsibility to one another to act as one nation and one people in support of ensuring a great education for all our students," said Cheryl Williams, executive

director of the LFA. “We urge Congress to support the President’s plan to modernize aging school buildings and put teachers back to work on behalf of America’s students.”

### **About The Learning First Alliance**

The Learning First Alliance is a partnership of 16 leading education associations with more than 10 million members dedicated to improving student learning in America's public schools.

Alliance members include: the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, American Association of School Administrators, American Association of School Personnel Administrators, American Federation of Teachers, American School Counselor Association, Association for Middle Level Education (formerly National Middle School Association), International Society for Technology in Education, Learning Forward (formerly National Staff Development Council), National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Association of State Boards of Education, National Education Association, National School Public Relations Association, National PTA, National School Boards Association and Phi Delta Kappa International. The Alliance maintains [www.learningfirst.org](http://www.learningfirst.org), a website that features what’s working in public schools and districts across the country.

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