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**Statement of SETDA Executive Director Douglas Levin Regarding the Obama Administration
ESEA Reauthorization Proposal to Congress**

“SETDA is pleased to be working with an Administration that shares the vision of the opportunity – and obligation – before us in helping all students succeed in the 21st century. In order to make the dramatic improvements in education that we know are necessary, we will need to break from the status quo. SETDA believes that a renewed state-federal partnership centered on the meaningful use of technology in education must be foundational to our reform efforts.

“Earlier this month at an event to release his National Educational Technology Plan, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan argued that schools can't be throw-backs to the state of education fifty, twenty, or even ten years ago. We could not be in greater agreement and do not believe that we can leave this progress to chance. We look forward to working together with Congress and the Administration to ensure that a reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act strengthens state and local educational technology leadership and capacity so all students are afforded the opportunity to experience a world-class education.”

About the State Educational Technology Directors Association

The State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA) is the principal association representing the technology leadership of state departments of education. The SETDA membership includes educational technology directors from the state departments of education of all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Bureau of Indian Affairs, American Samoa and the US Virgin Islands. www.setda.org

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