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Statement of SETDA Executive Director Douglas Levin Regarding Release of National Broadband Plan Working Recommendations on Education

“We welcome the release of the forward-looking working recommendations of the National Broadband Plan, which highlight the growing demand for and use of broadband for education. Ensuring high- speed broadband access for all students is a critical national issue and foundational to realizing our national education reform and improvement goals. We know:

- Teachers and students need high-speed broadband access in their schools to take advantage of a wide range of new and rich educational tools and resources;
- Teachers need high-speed broadband access for professional development, to engage in professional learning communities, and to access statewide education portals, digital instructional materials and open educational resources;
- Administrators need high-speed broadband access to conduct online assessments and to access data for effective decision making; and,
- Students need high-speed broadband to access learning anytime, anywhere and to overcome the lack of educational opportunity in rural and at-risk communities.

“We look forward to working with the FCC, Congress and the Administration to moving from dialogue about these recommendations to concrete actions and programs to benefit all students.”

About the State Educational Technology Directors Association

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