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Statement of Support for Strong American Schools

On behalf of the 64,000 National Board Certified Teachers across the country and the students they serve, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is pleased to support the Strong American Schools “ED in 08” campaign to make education a top priority in the 2008 presidential election.

Policymakers at all levels – local, state and national – know that the key to our nation’s future success is our ability to prepare America’s diverse student population with the skills needed to successfully compete in the 21st century economy. National Board Certification raises the bar for teaching and learning and helps create a climate of professionalism and excellence in our schools.

The “ED in 08” campaign recognizes that *every* student deserves a quality education and underscores our belief that creating a culture of professionalism in teaching is as vital in our society as similar cultures already created in medicine, law and other disciplines. We congratulate the campaign for taking on an issue that touches the lives of all of our nation’s children, and we challenge all candidates to make education a top priority of their campaigns.

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