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TEACHERS LEADING

Bob Williams, the Acting CEO of the National Network of State Teachers of the Year (NNSTOY), released the following statement on behalf of the NNSTOY Board of Directors today in response to the Biden campaign winning the 2020 Presidential Election:

The American people have selected Joseph R. Biden as the president for the next four years. While this has been a particularly divisive election cycle, we are calling on our members, exemplary teacher leaders in every state and territory, to continue to show up (in-person or virtually) to unify classrooms and communities in service of students. Teachers across the nation have been and will continue to serve as first responders in our most sacred institutions: public schools.

We respectfully call on the Biden Administration to ensure that the next Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education is a classroom teacher and has a diverse group of teacher leaders who are informing both a national plan for supporting public schools during the pandemic and informing the Department's next four years of leadership.

Further, we are encouraged by President-elect Biden's previous comments about establishing a "teacher-oriented department of education," and stand ready to assist the Administration in connecting with exemplary teacher leaders in every state and territory. NNSTOY members remain committed to advancing policy, practice, and advocacy at local, state and national levels and will continue to work with policymakers to address the urgent needs of students, teachers, and families during the pandemic.

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The National Network of State Teachers of the Year (NNSTOY) is a network of State Teachers of the Year and Finalists who use teacher leadership to ensure that every student receives an outstanding education. We do this through our focus on professional practice, policy and advocacy.



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