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STAND FOR CHILDREN SURVEY FINDS LOUISIANANS WANT REFORMS TO IMPROVE TEACHER PERFORMANCE

Findings Cite Accountability and Professional Development for Teachers as Keys to Improvement

Portland, Oregon - May 7, 2010 - Stand for Children, a leading national education advocacy organization, today released the findings of a survey conducted with Louisianans on the issue of teacher effectiveness.

"Louisianans are aligned with voters we have surveyed in other states in their views on public education. They want significant, sensible improvements in their schools and they feel strongly that their leaders should enact common sense changes that get great teachers in every classroom and in every school," stated Jonah Edelman, CEO of Stand for Children. "Louisianans also believe strongly in giving teachers the professional development and supports they need to do their best work."

The results of the findings are detailed in a memorandum prepared by Global Strategy Group and The Strategy Group, a nationally recognized survey research organization. The memo is attached.