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L.A. AREA CHAMBER APPLAUDS GOV. BROWN, STATE SUPERINTENDENT TORLAKSON FOR ‘RACE TO THE TOP’ GRANT

LOS ANGELES, CA — The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce applauded Governor Jerry Brown, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson and leading early education advocates in California today following the announcement that California was selected as one of nine states set to share \$500 million in “Race to the Top” grant money.

The Chamber was a key advocate and partner in helping the state compete with 35 others and played a key role in drafting [A Blueprint for Great Schools](#), which outlined plans to jump-start improvements in California’s early childhood programs.

“We’re excited that our entire education community was able to take advantage of this tremendous opportunity,” said L.A. Area Chamber Senior Vice President David Rattray, who co-chaired Torlakson’s transition team. “Our state’s advocacy groups and policy experts have shown tremendous leadership in supporting California’s efforts to expand access and improve the quality of early learning opportunities.”

Rattray, who oversees the Chamber’s education and workforce development efforts, said “the group’s collaborative work has helped ensure that all children enter kindergarten with the skills they need to be successful in school and beyond.”

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