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CORE and Global Partnership Schools Approved as a Turnaround School Provider in WA

March 17, 2010 – (Berkeley, CA) – CORE, partnering with Global Partnership Schools, has been named by the Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) as one of only 11 educational service providers that are eligible to assist with school transformation and turnaround efforts throughout the state. As part of this select group, Global Partnership Schools has been certified by OSPI to have the capacity, experience, expertise and outcomes consistent with what is needed when working with low performing schools

Assistance will be provided to as many as 47 eligible schools identified on the federal list of “persistently lowest achieving schools” as Tier I and Tier II during the 2009-2010 school year and in subsequent years for the period of the School Improvement Grant. According to OSPI, schools were identified using both academic performance of all students and improvement trends over the past three years.

Global Partnership Schools and CORE will transform and turn around struggling schools by reinforcing high expectations for student performance and introducing intensive on-the-ground coaching, high-leverage educational strategies, and structures to promote effective teaching and learning.

“Our partnership with CORE brings a tremendous depth of experience in school improvement,” said Global Partnership Schools CEO Manny Rivera. “CORE has been a hands-on collaborator with schools across the country for 15 years and is a terrific complement to Global Partnership Schools’ district leadership and management experience.”

“Together, we will bring the highest quality service to schools in Washington, offering proven strategies to engage students, enhance teaching, and turn around schools,” said CORE CEO Linda Diamond.

About CORE

CORE works collaboratively with schools, districts, state organizations, and education agencies around the country as a trusted advisor at all levels of K–12 education to support literacy and math achievement growth for all students. CORE's expertise in early reading, intervention, adolescent literacy, special education, assessment, writing, English learners, mathematics, and Response to Intervention has led to impressive achievement gains in some of the nation’s most vulnerable school systems. With over 1000 schools and 200 districts served, CORE has supported large urban, suburban, and rural schools. CORE's implementation support services and products help customers build their own capacity for effective instruction by laying a foundation of research-based knowledge, supporting the use of proven tools, and developing leadership. For more information about CORE, please contact Heather Frame at 888.249.6155. ext. 132 or visit www.corelearn.com.

About Global Partnership Schools

Led by two former AASA National Superintendent of the Year winners, Manny Rivera (2006) and Rudy Crew (2008), with proven records of success in the nation’s largest school districts, Global Partnership Schools has developed a set of supports and signature practices to prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st Century. Global Partnership Schools introduces structures and tools that support highly effective teaching and learning, deploying on-the-ground experts to work with principals, teachers, and administrators to transform practice and enhance results. For more information about Global Partnership Schools, please contact Cathleen Healy at 212-644-8619 x103, or visit <http://www.gps.us.com>