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CONGRESS MUST PASS A CLEAN DREAM ACT NOW AND PROTECT OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS, HIGH-PERFORMING SCHOOLS SAY

Alliance College-Ready Public Schools Stands with DACA Recipients

December 13, 2017 (LOS ANGELES) – Alliance College-Ready Public schools, the largest network of high-performing public charter schools in Los Angeles, called on Congress to renew the DREAM Act by an amendment in the federal budget before the end of this month. This amendment will allow hundreds of thousands of people brought to this country as young children to stay here legally. Many recipients of the status brought by this program, known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), are members of the Alliance community both as students and as teachers.

“Each day, the 800,000 DACA recipients go to school or to their jobs. They work hard, exemplifying what it means to be American,” said **Dan Katzir, CEO of Alliance College-Ready Public Schools**. “Our students and teachers live here in Los Angeles, and where they were born should have no bearing on their ability to remain in the only home they’ve ever known.”

Eva Morelos, a special education teacher at Alliance Simon Tech High School in Watts and a member of the Alliance Immigrant Rights Working Group, called on Congress to not ignore the needs of the DACA community. “As a DACA recipient, I have made a life here as a teacher, helping students in traditionally underserved communities to achieve academic excellence so they too can lead a life of opportunity. This is my home. I need Congress to act, and so do my students.”

About Alliance College-Ready Public Schools: Alliance College-Ready Public Schools is one of the largest and most successful charter school networks in the nation, operating 25 high-performing, public charter middle and high schools that educate nearly 13,000 students from Los Angeles’ lowest income communities. Alliance schools have been recognized as among the best in the nation by US News & World Report, Newsweek, the

U.S. Department of Education and the California Department of Education. Since opening its first school in 2004, 95% of Alliance graduates have been accepted to college.

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