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### **National Civil Rights Groups Express Support for Eden Prairie School Diversity Efforts & Urge Local, State and National Leaders to Develop Plans for Promoting Racial and Economic Diversity and Avoiding Segregation in U.S. Suburbs**

The attached statement from the Nation Coalition on School Diversity (NCSA) expresses support for educators in **Eden Prairie, MN**, who this year implemented a plan to reduce and prevent the concentration of poverty as one means toward providing high-quality schooling in economically, racially and culturally diverse environments. The controversy that changes to school boundaries triggered is, of course, local in nature. We have strong concern about Eden Prairie because recent events here bring to light the enormous challenges educators face in the nation's growing number of suburban communities undergoing racial, cultural, linguistic and economic changes. In this attached statement, we urge equity-minded elected leaders, local residents, and state officials across the United States to draw lessons from Eden Prairie and act now to make stable, integrated, high quality public schools accessible to more children of all racial, cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

The National Coalition on School Diversity is a network of national civil rights organizations, university-based research institutes, local educational advocacy groups, and academic researchers seeking a greater commitment to racial and economic diversity in K-12 education policy and funding. We seek to procure a more significant political and financial commitment to racial and economic integration. We also support the work of people and organizations in states and local communities who are trying to create, sustain and improve racially and economically diverse schools. For more information, visit our website: [www.school-diversity.org](http://www.school-diversity.org)

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