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TEACH FOR AMERICA STATEMENT ON U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S GUIDANCE ON SCHOOL BULLYING OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

NEW YORK, NY, October 22, 2013— Teach For America today issued the following statement on the U.S. Department of Education's guidance on school bullying of students with disabilities:

"We commend the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights for issuing guidance to our nation's schools making clear their role in preventing bullying and creating supportive environments for the 6.5 million American students with diagnosed disabilities, and all students. Bullying is wrong and must not be tolerated. It denies students the safe, accommodating, and high-quality educational environments and opportunities to which they are entitled. By taking immediate and appropriate action, schools can play an integral role in a student's successful journey through college, career, and life."

About Teach For America

Teach For America works in partnership with communities to expand educational opportunity for children facing the challenges of poverty. Founded in 1990, Teach For America recruits and develops a diverse corps of outstanding college graduates and professionals to make an initial two-year commitment to teach in high-need schools and become lifelong leaders in the movement to end educational inequity. Today, 10,600 corps members are teaching in 50 urban and rural regions across the country while more than 37,000 alumni work across sectors to ensure that all children have access to an excellent education. For more information, visit www.teachforamerica.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.