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STATEMENT OF EDUCATORS FOR EXCELLENCE L.A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AMA NYAMEKYE ON TODAY’S COURT OF APPEALS DECISION TO REVERSE REED V. STATE OF CALIFORNIA

“This decision flies in the face of common sense and what’s best for our most vulnerable school children. Reed protected thousands of students from losing excellent teachers. We can’t continue to make layoff decisions based solely on seniority and ignore teachers’ performance in the classroom. This decision sends a clear signal that the future of these students is not the focus of our system. As we have in the past, our members will be loud voices in the fight to keep the Reed decision intact.”

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