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Movement of Organizations to Reform Education in Los Angeles

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MORE-LA, LAUSD President Garcia call for School Site Control over QEIA Funding

WHAT: MORE-LA Press Conference
WHEN: Tuesday, November 27, 3:30 p.m.
WHERE: LAUSD Headquarters (on sidewalk)
333 S. Beaudry, Los Angeles 90017

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On Tuesday, Nov. 27, parents, teachers, and students – members of MORE-L.A., a coalition of community based organizations and unions promoting education reform in LAUSD – will hold a press conference to call for an increased role for local schools in planning how millions of dollars in new funding for low-performing schools is spent, and for limits on how LAUSD administration spends the funds. In particular, the group will call for LAUSD to use Quality Education Investment Act, or QEIA, funding for its intended purpose: to lower class size and increase the number of counselors at targeted schools, and provide professional support for teachers. The group will announce their support for a resolution by LAUSD Board President Monica Garcia, to be discussed and voted on later that day, that would require the school district to ensure that school site councils - not the district bureaucracy - are empowered to spend almost a billion dollars in state-appropriated QEIA money at 88 LAUSD high needs schools over the next six years. Specifically, the resolution would:

- **Eliminate mid-year renorming for the next two years.** This resolution would reverse a decision made by the Board of Education in September requiring secondary schools to reevaluate school enrollment mid-year and to release teachers if enrollment declined. Categorical money, including QEIA and Educational Impact Aid (EIA) funds intended to supplement existing programs, would have been used to retain those teachers at some of those schools. By eliminating mid-year renorming, this resolution would ensure that classrooms and Small Learning Communities would not be disrupted and that QEIA and EIA money would be spent as intended.
- **Require the District, beginning in 2008/2009, to allocate no more than 3% of QEIA money to central administrative functions.** The district took 10% off the top in 2007-08. This resolution ensures that in future years 97% of the QEIA funding will be spent at the school site.
- **Train school-site councils to take a leadership role in implementing QEIA.** QEIA empowers school-site councils to spend QEIA funds, but too often council members are poorly trained to exercise this power effectively. This resolution requires the Superintendent to ensure that training.

The member organizations of MORE-LA include:

ACORN, CADRE, CARECEN, CEJ, Community Coalition, Inner City Struggle, One LA-IAF, POWER, and UTLA