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RENAISSANCE SCHOOLS RFQ FINALISTS FOR YEAR II ANNOUNCED

PHILADELPHIA – Today the School District of Philadelphia announced that ten Renaissance Schools Request for Qualifications (RFQ) respondents will be invited to participate in the Renaissance Schools Request for Proposal (RFP) process Year II. The RFP process is the final procurement stage by which the District will determine which applicants will be selected as Renaissance Schools Turnaround Teams for Year II. The RFP Turnaround Team finalists are scheduled to be announced in January 2011.

The ten RFQ finalists are:

1. Aspira, Inc., of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
2. Esperanza Academy, Philadelphia, PA
3. Foundations Inc., Philadelphia, PA
4. Global Partnerships Schools, Inc., New York, NY
5. Green Dot America, Los Angeles, CA
6. John Hopkins University/Diplomas Now, Baltimore, MD
7. Mastery Charter Schools, Philadelphia, PA
8. Mosaica Turnaround Teams, New York, NY
9. Scholar Academies, Philadelphia, PA
10. Universal Companies, Philadelphia, PA

About the Renaissance Schools Initiative

The Renaissance Schools initiative is designed to transform the District's lowest-performing schools by working with school communities to recruit and select individuals and organizations that have proven track records of operating and supporting high-achieving schools. The goal of the initiative is to turn under-performing schools into highly effective schools that provide exceptional opportunities for student academic achievement and preparedness for success in college and the workforce.

Key Dates of the Renaissance Schools Implementation Timeline– Year II

Date	Activity
November 16, 2010	RFP issued to RFQ Finalist Year II
December 21, 2010	RFP responses due
January 17, 2011	RFP Finalists selected
January/February 2011	Matching process between RFP Finalists and Renaissance Schools
March 2011	SRC votes on matches

Further information on the Renaissance Schools Year II can be found at www.philasd.org/renschoools.

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