A Statement by PDK International in Response to Secretary Cardona’s Vision to Support and Elevate the Teaching Profession

U.S. Department of Education recognizes the need for integrating Grow Your Own Programs and Career and Technical Education (CTE), highlighting the work of Educators Rising.

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA (June 10, 2022) – On Thursday, U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona indicated the importance of Grow Your Own Programs as he shared his vision to support and elevate the teaching profession. In support of the Secretary’s remarks, the Department of Education released a fact sheet highlighting how investments in the profession with American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds can be sustained, long-term, through the use of the other existing federal funds – including Career and Technical Education State Grants (Perkins V).

“By investing in educator development, including becoming a CTE teacher, as a CTE pathway, states can support Grow Your Own programs, including those that begin in Perkins programs in middle and high school. Examples of Grow Your Own programs include those in Washington and Connecticut and the national Educators Rising program.”

- Fact Sheet: Sustaining Investments in Teachers Beyond the American Rescue Plan

PDK International is honored to have the Educators Rising national program identified in the fact sheet, under Perkins V funding, as an example of a Grow Your Own Program that begins in high school. The alignment of Grow Your Own Programs and Career and Technical Education (CTE) is critical to preparing high school students for their enrollment in a teacher preparation program, and to later becoming a highly qualified educator. Additional funding sources for Grow Your Own Programs include Teacher Quality Partnership Grants (Higher Education Act (HEA) Title II, Part A).

To learn more about Educators Rising, visit educatorsrising.org or email edpartnerships@pdkintl.org.

About Educators Rising
In 2015, PDK International – in its 115-year commitment to the profession of education – launched Educators Rising, formerly the Future Educators Association (FEA). Today, Educators Rising is cultivating a new generation of highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path from high school through college and into their teaching careers. By working with aspiring educators who reflect the demographics of their communities and who are passionate about serving those communities through public education, Educators Rising is changing the face of teaching.

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