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Dear Award Committee Members:

The Massachusetts Department of Education, together with Primary Source, the Massachusetts Initiative for International Studies, and the Global Education Advisory Committee, is honored to be the recipient of the Goldman Sachs Award. I thank you for recognizing our efforts to promote global education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Our combined efforts have produced legislation, elicited education, business and policy support at conferences, created a vibrant Global Education Advisory Committee, enlisted the support of the Superintendent and School Committee Associations, and provided teachers with resources for infusing international content into their classrooms. Education organizations in the state have implemented programs to expand world languages, form international partnerships, and establish resource networks. The number of Massachusetts schools offering Mandarin Chinese has doubled in the past three years. Leading school districts in Massachusetts are now taking important steps to get their students ready for work in the global economy of today. All of our efforts have fostered our educators' awareness of the need to prepare our students to have the skills to work and live in an interconnected world.

The momentum created by our past efforts and the significant support that this award represents bodes well for the future of education in Massachusetts. It is my goal that within the next few years, all schools in Massachusetts will infuse a global perspective into all disciplines. The Goldman Sachs Foundation State prize given to Massachusetts for excellence in international education will be seen as a milestone in the emergence of comprehensive global education for all students in our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David P. Driscoll".

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