Marc Tucker to receive the 2014 ECS James Bryant Conant Award

DENVER – The Education Commission of the States is proud to announce Marc Tucker as the 2014 recipient of the James Bryant Conant Award, one of the most prestigious honors in the education community. ECS Chairman and Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval will present the award to Tucker on Tuesday, July 1, at the ECS National Forum on Education Policy in Washington, D.C.

The Conant Award, named for the co-founder of ECS and former president of Harvard University, recognizes outstanding individual contributions to American education. Tucker joins an esteemed list of past recipients, including Thurgood Marshall, E.D. Hirsch, Fred (Mr.) Rogers and Lamar Alexander.

Tucker is the founder, president and CEO of the National Center on Education and the Economy and has spearheaded some of the most important education reforms of the past 25 years. His considerable influence on education reaches back to the 1970s, when he served in the National Institute of Education as director of the nation’s research on education policy.

“It is a great honor to join the company of the past recipients of this award,” Tucker said. “The challenge before our education system is to educate every child to a standard formerly thought necessary only for a small elite. This will require a transformation of our education system, a transformation that is well underway in the countries whose students outperform our own.”

With a lifetime of work dedicated to improving the lives of children and expanding educational opportunities for all students, Marc Tucker epitomizes the spirit of James Bryant Conant.

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