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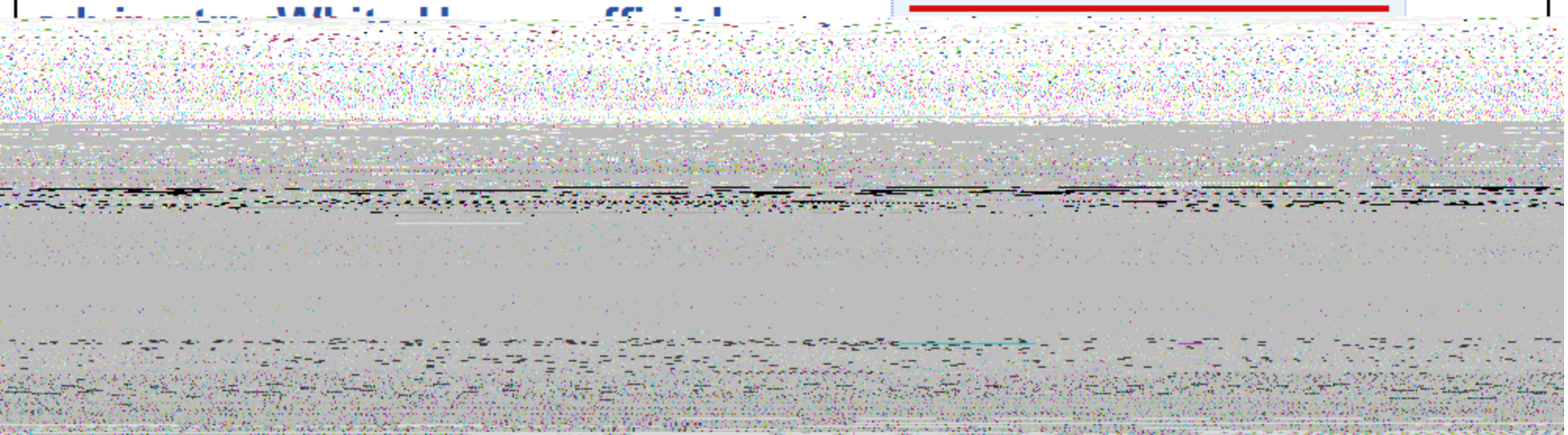
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Teachers from Boston, Somerville




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...n Boston and one from Somerville, traveled ...
...ng with a member of President Obama's ...
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Two public school teachers, one from ...
to the White House this week meetin ...
cabinet and some of his top advisors

Andrew Vega, an English language ...
School in Roxbury, Catherine Tighe

and teachers from other cities met Monday
at the Duncan and his senior staff in the nation's
House to meet with senior education
Policy Council, according to an announcement
from nonprofit Teach Plus.

Five other public school teachers from Los
Angeles, Memphis and Chicago are Teach Plus

teaching as teachers available. State a statement from the
assessment system. It will be authentic learning, developmentally
appropriate and high quality instruction."

of his experience working in a classroom school and transitioning
to the Core State Standards Initiative; a set of math, reading and
science standards developed in 2010 that has been adopted in Massachusetts
and 44 other

many students performing poorly on remodeled [Common Core]
assessments and saw them become frustrated," said a statement from Vega.
"Through close examination and action planning with my colleagues,
and unwavering support from my principal, we eventually got to a place
where students were experiencing tremendous achievement under the
new standards."

The Department of Education will be supportive of teachers in this
transition. "I think an initial slip in testing data will be a national trend as we
roll out the Common Core," he added.

Secretary of Education Celine Goggin said that having teachers help shape education
policy is critical.

Defining characteristics of a profession is that practitioners are
the experts of their field," said a statement from Goggin. "The U.S.
Department of Education and the White House are signaling that teachers are
the experts whose expertise should be consulted on the most complex and
challenging issues facing our education system."

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Elementary School in Somerville, as
well as US Secretary of Education Arne
Duncan before heading to the White
House. He is also a former advisor on Obama's Domestic Policy
Council from the national, Boston-based nonprofit

The two local teachers as well as the
Los Angeles, Washington D.C., Indianapolis
and Teaching Policy Fellows or alumni.

of the new suit
"We need new
assessments
appropriate

Vega discussed
the Common
Core learning band
and 44 other

"I witnessed
assessments a
"[But,] I brought
along with us
where students
Common Core

"I hope the
Department
process, as I
implement the

Teach Plus
policies is critical

"One of the
Department
considered the
professionals
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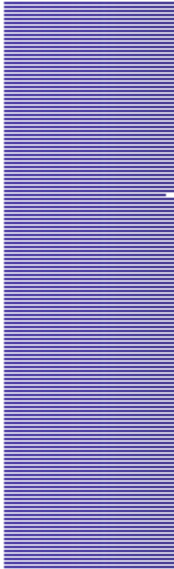
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