




Update on Federal Education Policy: How Does Washington Affect Your School?

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 **NASSP**
National Association
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Agenda





Impact of Midterm Elections


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ESEA Reauthorization & Waivers

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Impact of Midterm Elections



- Republicans to control both Houses of Congress in 2015
- Republicans now hold 53 seats in the Senate, could be 54 seats (TBD in LA)
- 7 seat gain: AR, CO, IA, MT, NC, SD & WV
- Republicans now hold 244 seats in the House, could be 247 seats (2 TBD in LA; and 1 TBD in AZ)

Impact of Midterm Elections



- Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) are expected to lead Senate HELP Committee
- Alexander is a former Secretary of Education; Murray is a former early childhood educator and great friend of education organizations

Impact of Midterm Elections



- Rep. John Kline (R-MN) will continue as Chair of House Education & the Workforce Committee
- Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA) will be new Ranking Member; concerned about juvenile justice and “school-to-prison” pipeline



Federal Investment in Education



- Bipartisan Budget Act (2013) set caps for non-defense discretionary (NDD) spending for FY14-FY16
- President Obama submitted his FY15 budget request in March 2014
- Request included \$68.6 B for education (\$1.3 B more than FY14)

Federal Investment in Education



- Congress was unable to complete appropriations bills before Oct. 1
- Continuing resolution expires 12/11
- NASSP & the Committee for Education Funding support an omnibus appropriations bill for FY15, which would provide more \$ for federal education programs

Federal Investment in Education




Program	FY 2012	FY 2013 w/ sequester	FY 2014	President's FY15 Request
Title I	\$14.5 B	\$13.8 B	\$14.4 B	\$14.4 B
Title II, Part A (Teacher Quality State Grants)	\$2.5 B	\$2.3 B	\$2.3 B	\$2 B
IDEA	\$11.6 B	\$11.0 B	\$11.5 B	\$11.6 B
CTE State Grants	\$1.12 B	\$1.06 B	\$1.11 B	\$1.11 B
School Leadership	\$29.1 M	\$27.6 M	\$25.8 M	\$35 M
Striving Readers	\$159.7 M	\$151.3 M	\$158 M	\$0
EETT (Title II, Part D)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200 M for ConnectEducators
HS Grad Initiative	\$48.8 M	\$46.3 M	\$46.3	\$0












ConnectED & E-Rate Modernization

- President Obama announced ConnectED initiative in June 2013
- Goal is to connect 99% of the nation’s students to high-speed broadband in five years
- FCC action in July 2014 increased wireless Internet access in schools
- December 2015 action could result in increased funding for E-Rate program



ESEA Reauthorization & Waivers



- ESEA (a.k.a NCLB) was due for reauthorization in 2007
- Bipartisanship failed in the 113th Congress; 4 competing proposals!
- Senate committee markup (6/13); House floor vote (7/13)
- Administration stayed silent because of “win” on waivers

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- Debate on federal role in education & support for “local control”
 - College & career-ready standards
 - Charter schools
 - Block grants & private school vouchers
 - Educator quality & evaluations
 - Low-performing school

ESEA Reauthorization & Waivers



- 43 states granted flexibility waivers
- 2 requests still under review (IA & WY)
- 4 states have chosen not to apply (MT, NE, ND & VT)
- WA is first state to lose its waiver
- New ED guidance in November 2014

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Flexibility from NCLB

- 2014 deadline for 100% proficiency
- District & school improvement and accountability
- Use of federal education funding

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State Requirements

- College and career-ready standards & assessments
- Differentiated recognition, accountability & support system
- Teacher and principal evaluation & support systems

ESEA Reauthorization & Waivers



- Nebraska State Education Board will now seek an ESEA flexibility waiver
 - Dept of Ed will submit application to Board for review in February
 - Stakeholder input will be provided in March
 - Initial waiver application will be submitted to USED in April




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ESEA Reauthorization

- NASSP supports a comprehensive, bipartisan reauthorization of ESEA
- NASSP opposed H.R. 5, bill passed by the House in July 2013


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- NASSP supported key provisions in S. 1094, bill approved by the Senate HELP Committee in June 2013
- NASSP opposed S. 1101, Alexander bill


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NASSP Supports:

- ✓ School Principal Recruitment & Training Act (H.R. 1738./S. 840)
- ✓ Great Teaching & Leading for Great Schools Act (H.R. 4269)
- ✓ LEARN Act (H.R. 2706/S. 758)

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- ✓ Transforming/Enhancing Education Through Tech. Act (H.R. 521./S. 1087)
- ✓ Success in the Middle Act (H.R. 2316/S. 708)
- ✓ Graduation Promise Act (S. 940)
- ✓ CAP and GOWN Act (no bill #)

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NASSP Opposes:

- X GREAT Teachers and Principals Act (H.R. 2196/S. 1052)
- X CHOICE Act (H.R. 4773/S. 1909)
- X Scholarship for Kids Act (H.R. 4000/S. 1968)



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