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

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Agenda

Impact of Midterm Elections
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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

Program Comparison

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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

### Deferment 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
ESEA Reauthorization & Waivers

Flexibility from NCLB
• 2014 deadline for 100% proficiency
• District & school improvement and accountability
• Use of federal education funding

ESEA Reauthorization & Waivers

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
  o Dept of Ed will submit application to Board for review in February
  o Stakeholder input will be provided in March
  o 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
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)

NASSP Opposes:
- GREAT Teachers and Principals Act (H.R. 2196/S. 1052)
- CHOICE Act (H.R. 4773/S. 1909)
- Scholarship for Kids Act (H.R. 4000/S. 1968)
NASSP Advocacy Resources

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