

NASSP Supports a Comprehensive, Bipartisan Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Positions on Current Legislative Proposals

NASSP Opposes the House Bill (H.R. 5), the Student Success Act

Why Do We Oppose the Bill?

- Locks in sequester cuts and authorizes Title I funding at FY 2015 levels through FY 2021
- Includes Title I portability provision
- Removes the term "principal" from federal law and includes a broad definition of "school leader" that inappropriately includes superintendents and district leaders
- Does not require states to use Title II funds for professional development for principals
- Does not require that school leader evaluation systems in states be based on more than just student test scores
- Eliminates federal programs aimed at providing support for literacy instruction and education technology
- Provides states and districts with too much flexibility in the use of federal funds, which could have an adverse impact on specific student populations
- Eliminates School Improvement Grants (SIG) program, which ensures that 40 percent of funds are targeted to the lowest-performing middle level and high schools

What Do We Support in the Bill?

- Eliminates adequate yearly progress (AYP) and allows for multiple measures of student achievement
- Negates requirement that 100 percent of students be proficient by 2014
- Removes school turnaround models that all require the principal to be replaced if he or she has been in the position for more than three years
- Includes a 10 percent cap on the amount of Title II funds that may be used for class-size reduction

NASSP Opposes the Senate Discussion Draft (No Bill #), Every Child Ready for College or Career Act

Why Do We Oppose the Discussion Draft?

- Consolidates numerous federal programs into block grants
- Freezes Title I at FY 2015 funding levels for 5 years
- Includes Title I portability provision
- Eliminates maintenance of effort
- Expands allowable uses under Title II, which ensures there will be less funding for principal professional development
- Allows for "out-of-field" recruitment of principals with no prior teaching experience
- Includes an overly broad definition of "school leader"
- Eliminates the School Leadership Program and education technology provisions
- Does not include a comprehensive literacy program
- Consolidates several safe and healthy schools programs

What Do We Support in the Discussion Draft?

- Removes requirement that teacher and principal evaluations be based "in significant part" on student achievement
- Requires disaggregation and public reporting of student achievement data by subgroups
- Removes one-size-fits-all accountability systems
- Includes extended-year graduation rates
- Eliminates school turnaround models that all require principal replacement

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