Overview

- New Congress
- ESEA: Reauthorization & Waivers
- Federal Funding: Sequestration, Appropriations, Fiscal Cliff & Debt Ceiling
- Rural Education: REAP
- Education Technology: E-Rate & ATTAIN
- School Nutrition
- Other
Congressional Leadership

**Senate**
- Sens. Harkin (D-IA) and Alexander (R-TN) as Chairman and Ranking of Senate HELP
- Murray as Chair on Budget
- Harkin as Chair on LHHS, Moran as Ranking

**House**
- Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Miller return to leading the full committee
- Rokita and McCarthy as Chairman and Ranking of Elem/Sec Subcmte
- Ryan as Chair of Budget Cmte
- Kingston as Chair, DeLauro as ranking
ESEA: Reauthorizations & Waivers

- Reauthorization: It’s a matter of willingness vs. capacity (aka politics)
- Administration that dislikes both House and Senate bill
- Reality: 35 states in some phase of waiver implementation
  - Onus is on administration and Congress to make sure reauthorization doesn’t collide with waivers
- Likely we will see bills; unlikely we will see it reauthorized
ESEA Reauthorization: Both Bills

- Eliminate AYP, AMO, SES, and 100% proficiency
- Both return control of assessments and accountability to the states
- Both maintain math and ELA testing requirements
- Both continue data disaggregation
- Reauthorize REAP
- Promote growth models and multiple measures
- Include computer adaptive assessment
- Adjust 1 and 2 percent caps
- Require 4 year adjusted cohort graduation rate and allow states to calculate 5 and 6 year rates
ESEA Reauthorization: The Differences

- **School Improvement**: House gives authority to state; Senate bill prescribes turnaround models that must be used in bottom 5% of schools
- **HQT**: House bill eliminates HQT; Senate bill retains it
- **Maintenance of Effort**: House bill eliminates MoE; Senate bill retains it
- **Comparability**: House bill makes no changes; Senate proposes changes to calculation
- **Teacher Evaluation**: House bill requires eval systems for all 50 states; Senate bill requires it only in states that pursue put of funding
- **Funding Flexibility**: House bill provides funding flexibility between special population programs; Senate bill does not extend flexibility
- **Class Size Reduction**: House bill caps it at 10%; Senate bill makes no change
- **Ed Tech**: House bill eliminates Ed Tech; Senate bill reauthorizes Ed Tech program
- **RttT and i3**: Senate bill codifies RttT and i3 as law
ESEA: Reauthorizations & Waivers

- **Waivers**
  - Administration issued waivers to 35 states
  - Point of frustration on Capitol Hill

- **Direct to District Waivers?**
  - CA consortium
    - “trial run” idea
  - Texas group

- **Role of waivers in removing pressure for Congress to act**
Funding

- Federal Appropriations
  - FY13 started Oct 1, 2012
  - CR until March 27
    - Obama will NOT veto a CR that doesn’t address sequestration
  - Currently funded at the Budget Control Act level
  - Omnibus situations usually include across-the-board cut (nominally small)
  - Separate from sequester
Funding

- Sequestration
  - It happened!
  - 5.1%
  - Across the board, all K-12 programs, will impact you in 2013-14 school year
  - IMPACT AID is immediate
  - Role of Sequester in pulling the level on flexibility re: IDEA MoE
  - Still not resolved, still opportunity to get it ‘fixed’.
Rural Education

- **REAP**
  - Included in base bills with all of AASA’s priorities
    - Adjust the sliding scale
    - Locale Code
    - Eligibility for both programs
    - Switch poverty indicator to F/RLP

- Title I Number Weighting

- Rural and Competition
Education Technology

- E-Rate
  - Raise the cap
  - Reform the program: discount matrix? Eligible services?

- Education Technology
  - ATTAIN Act
  - Miller Bills
Other

- School Nutrition
- Vouchers/Charters
- Epinephrine Pens
- Early Education
- Perkins/Career Tech
- IDEA Full Funding
- From Sasha’s Portfolio:
  - Seclusion/Restraint
  - IDEA and Due Process
  - Bullying
  - School Safety
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