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Federal Priorities

Elementary and Secondary Education Act

We look to Congress to fully implement the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act this calendar year. Furthermore, if Congress cannot act in a timely manner, we look for relief from the mandates and sanctions imposed by No Child Left Behind.

Rural Education Achievement Program

We ask that members of Congress introduce, negotiate and pass legislation extending the Rural Education Achievement Program. This program is vital to many of New York's rural schools.

Education Funding

We look to our New York representatives to ensure our children continue to have adequate federal funding for their education and schools.

Title I funding is essential to schools, and has been underfunded since No Child Left Behind was enacted. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act also continues to be underfunded. Please consider allocating more resources to these two vital funding streams for schools.

We also ask for consideration in revisiting funding restorations for the following programs: School Improvement Grants, State Assessments/Enhanced Assessment Instrument, Teaching of Traditional American History, Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, TRIO, GEAR UP, Striving Readers, Even Start, Literacy Through School Libraries, LEAP, Byrd Honors Scholarships, Education Technology State Grants, Javits Gifted and Talented Education, Smaller Learning Communities, BJ Stupak Olympic Scholarships, Teach for America, National Writing Project, and Close-Up Foundation.

Mandates

Unfunded mandates place costly financial burdens on school districts. Please consider this when introducing and passing legislation. We ask that you pass no new unfunded mandates, and begin to study current unfunded mandates for possible repeal.