

MAEMSP Federal Relations Report

- The Federal Coordinators across the country have been holding monthly phone call meetings. Danny Carlson, Assistant Executive Director, Policy & Advocacy NAESP, keeps us updated on all things advocacy and what NAESP is doing to support principals. He gives us information and surveys that he wants coordinators to push out to the state. I have done this using the MAEMSP community forum. If we want our voice heard, it is very important to participate in the surveys. At the national level, they use the information from the surveys to determine the needs of principals across the country. Since we are what can be considered a frontier state, it is imperative that we let them know how our needs may be different than urban areas.
- The Advocacy link on NAESP has great resources for principals. Legislative action center allows you to sign up for alerts and they will put a call out to you when your principal voice is needed to help on legislative bills. It provides key issues for principals to follow at the national level. It also has a toolkit with podcasts, training videos, support letters/statements, webinars etc.
- Membership benefits can be found at bottom right of website. These include a partnership with Office Max/Depot that allows NAESP members to receive 80% off thousands of items. New travel discounts have been added for rental cars and hotels. Members can also receive significant discounted rates on various insurance programs.
- Advocacy Podcast page: <https://www.naesp.org/advocacy-podcasts>
Subscribe to the podcast here (click this link on your mobile device to have each episode automatically load into your podcasts): <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/naesp/id1435207752?mt=2>

Fall 2018

A \$5000 Gift Card Contest was held For NAESP Members and their teachers through Donors Choose

- Toolkit: DonorsChoose.org has developed a [Principal Toolkit](#) which includes strategies and tips on how best to use crowdfunding to reliably receive funding for principals and their schools to get the additional materials and supplies that help students thrive.
- Website: DonorsChoose.org has created a site exclusive to NAESP members, at www.donorschoose.org/naesp.

In September, the President signed the FY19 Labor-Health-Education funding bill into law.. **This legislation funds federal education programs at the Department of Education through September 2019.** A few highlights:

- ☐ The legislation preserves funding for Title II, Part A at current levels of **\$2.055 billion** and also includes:
- ☐ Title I state grants – increase of \$100 million, to **\$15.9 billion**
- ☐ Special education state grants (IDEA) – increase of \$87 million, to **\$12.4 billion**
- ☐ Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants – increase of \$70 million, to **\$1.17 billion**
- ☐ 21st Century Community Learning Centers (afterschool academic enrichment): increase of \$10 million to **\$1.220 billion**

Currently:

Recently a survey was sent out to get principals input on highest needs. That survey resulted in #1 school funding and #2 mental health. Other areas of concerns included school safety and social emotional learning. This was consistent across the states. These issues will be the ones addressed at the National Leaders Conference and a flyer will be provided for us to use when we do our Capitol Hill visits.

Unfortunately, when we visit DC in March, the senators and congressman will be in session so we will be meeting with staffers. I will report on those meetings when we meet in April.

Lastly, I just want to thank everyone for your support the last 10 years and allowing me to be a part of the MAEMSP board. I have learned so much from all of you and I will miss being part of the amazing team.