



Federal Education Update

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AASA Leaders Matter

AASA, The School Superintendents Association has launched its Leaders Matter campaign to showcase school districts where the exemplary leadership of the superintendent has resulted in meaningful, measurable outcomes for the schools, students and communities they serve. We know firsthand that a school district's success depends on outstanding leadership, which is why we hope you will share your leadership stories and the stories of leaders who inspire you at <http://aasacentral.org/leadersmatter/> and by using #LeadersMatter on social media.

The logo for the 'Leaders Matter' campaign is displayed on a dark blue rectangular background. The word 'LEADERS' is written in a bold, pink, sans-serif font. The word 'MATTER' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letter 'A' in 'MATTER' is highlighted in a teal color and features a small white plus sign (+) positioned above it.

LEADERS MA⁺TTER

Edu-Policy 101

- From the federal level, there is a combination of federal policy that impacts the programs that are run and how they are implemented:
 - Statute
 - Authorizing Statute
 - Appropriations Statute
 - Regulations
 - Guidance
 - Supreme Court Cases

Edu-Policy 101

- Authorizing Statutes
 - Every Student Succeeds Act
 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
 - Higher Education Act
 - Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Act
 - Head Start/Childcare Development Block Grants
 - Russell School Nutrition Program
 - Others that aren't necessarily 'education': Farm Bill, Affordable Care Act, Telecommunications Act, et.....

Edu-Advocacy 101

- Appropriations Statute: Labor Health Human Services Education & Other (LHHS)
- Regulations and guidance come from federal agencies, including US Education Department, Health & Human Services US Department of Agriculture, Federal Communications Commission, and more

Edu-Advocacy 101

- Superintendent as advocate.
 - Leaders Matter
 - Advocacy Matters
 - Leader Advocacy Matters
 - Educators advocate every day. Leaders advocate every day.
 - AASA advocacy is focused on how education leaders can advocate to inform public policy, impacting legislation and proposals at the local, state, and federal levels.

Edu-Advocacy 101

- Know the value of your voice as an advocate.
 - Superintendents are a high-value constituency.
 - Your voice matters.
 - You are best positioned to tell your district's story.
 - If not you, who? If not now, when?
- Think of the AASA advocacy team as an extension of your team.
 - It is an explicit member benefit of belonging to AASA and your state affiliate to have access to our work.
 - Don't hesitate to reach out.

Overview



Relationships



Endurance



Logistics



Knowledge



Communication

Edu-Update Overview

- It was a busy spring and summer in terms of federal education policy!
 - Perkins Career and Technical Education Act was reauthorized
 - Janus and Wayfair Supreme Court Decisions
 - Family Separation Statement
 - School Integration/Affirmative Action Statement
 - IRS SALT Regulations
 - Annual appropriations
 - Federal School Safety Commission

Perkins CTE

- What Was
 - The House led the effort in both the 114th and 115th Congress with an overwhelmingly bipartisan bill.
 - Addresses the onerous administrative requirements for Perkins funding
 - Addresses paperwork burden by allowing districts to fill out a simple, easy-to-complete local application
 - Streamlines the accountability system and align performance measures with those set by each state under ESSA
- What Will Be
 - The bill was expedited in early summer 2018, with political pressure coming from the White House, with the bill viewed as primed to move in part because it was bipartisan in both chambers, but also because it would be a domestic policy win that impacts kids AND can relate to jobs in a contentious midterm election year.
 - Summary of major provisions in final bill:
http://aasa.org/uploadedFiles/AASA_Partners/files/AASAPerkinsCheatSheet.pdf

ESSA

- What happened in 2017?
 - Approval of state plans, First year of implementation
 - NOT regs on supplement/supplant
 - NOT required reports (rural, homework gap, or Title I formula)
- What will happen in 2018?
 - Implementation
 - Revision to state plans?
 - Fiscal transparency requirement
- I penned an [op-ed](#) on this that ran in EdWeek just last month.

Final FY18 Deal

- The final FY18 budget deal raised caps (\$80 b for DD, \$63 b for NDD)
- \$1.3 trillion, with \$579 for NDD overall
 - \$3.9 b increase to USED (to \$70.9 b)
 - If USED FY12 allocation (\$68.1 b) kept pace with inflation, it would be \$74.8 b in 2018 constant dollars
 - Rejects new choice proposals (does fund DC vouchers)
 - Head Start up \$610m
 - ESSA Title I up \$300 m, Title II level funded, Title IV up \$700 m to \$1b
 - \$275 m increase for IDEA state grants
 - \$75 m increase for Perkins
 - \$3 b increase for programs to respond to opioid crisis
 - Impact Aid increase of \$86 m
 - First year of funding for SRS since 2015

Mostly Final FY19 Deal

- First time in ten years
- Overall increase to LHHS of approx. \$2 billion, and \$581 m to USED
- Small increases to Titles I and IV, IDEA, Impact Aid, Head Start, Perkins. Preserves Title II.
- Rejects Trump privatization agenda, as well as call to consolidate USED and Labor.
- Did NOT include language to prohibit use of federal dollars to arm educators
- Did remove language that prohibited use of federal dollars for transportation to support integration
- Moved in package of three items (with defense and CR thru Dec 7)

Reasons to Oppose Voucher Schemes

Violate
Principles of
Religious
Freedom

Don't Improve
Education

Don't Help
Students with
Disabilities

Don't Improve
Public Schools

Lack
Accountability

Students Lose
Rights

Schools Choose
the Kids

Vouchers Don't
Help Kids in
Poverty

Vouchers Aren't
Popular

Education & the FCC

- FCC Chairman Pai has advanced a set of policy priorities that demonstrate either a lack of understanding of, or regard for, the importance of connectivity for schools and students
 - E-Rate: proposed policy that would eliminate/cut funding for internal connections
 - Lifeline: reversed policy that would allow the program to help address the homework gap
 - Network Neutrality: NN protections ended on June 11
- Collectively, these changes undermine what should be an obvious focus and priority for these FCC programs: ensuring continued affordable and equitable access to connectivity and related content

Things to Watch

- Farm Bill (implications for SNAP?)
- Immigration: DACA?
- Higher Education Act
- IRS Regulations on SALT D/Tax Loophole

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- Appropriations
 - ESSA: Will we see a Title I report?
 - Student Data/ Privacy (fall out from Facebook?)

AASA Legislative Agenda

- ESSA
- School Nutrition
- Perkins Career/Tech
- IDEA
- Rural Education (REAP, Forest Counties, Impact Aid)
- School Vouchers
- E-Rate/Lifeline/EBS
- Student Data & Privacy
- Medicaid/CHIP
- Higher Education Act
- Early Education
- Affordable Care Act
- Regulations: DoL and EPA
- Immigration / DACA
- Taxes

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