STATEMENT OF THE TITLE IV-A COALITION ON HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF $500 MILLION FOR STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT (SSAE) GRANT PROGRAM IN FY18

Washington D.C., July 14, 2017 – “In this difficult fiscal environment, our coalition is appreciative that the House Appropriations LHHS-Ed Subcommittee made Title IV-A grants a priority and increased funding over last year's level. This is a good start, and we look forward to when this program's funding level matches its authorized level of $1.6 billion so that every school/district will be able to access funds to create safe and healthy environments for students, provide a well-rounded education, and provide technology training and resources. We must note, though, that this funding level is still too low to operate it as a formula grant without a competitive option, as the law intended. We are hopeful that Title IV-A will receive a final allocation in FY 2018 that obviates the need for a competitive option.

“We also would be remiss if we did not express our deep concern about the number of other important education programs that this bill would cut deeply or eliminate completely. Our members and America's students derive significant benefits from those programs and we urge Congress to raise overall funding caps so that all education programs receive the funding they need and deserve.”

Members of the Title IV-A Coalition:
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Afterschool Alliance
Alliance for Excellent Education
American Association of School Librarians
American Camp Association
American College of Sports Medicine
American Council for School Social Work
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
American Dance Therapy Association
American Heart Association
American Library Association
American Music Therapy Association
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Psychological Association
American School Counselor Association
ASCD
Boys & Girls Clubs of America
Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools
Coalition for Community Schools
Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)
College in High School Alliance
Committee for Children
Communities In Schools
CoSN
Futures Without Violence
Girl Scouts of the USA
Girls Inc.
Health and Education Alliance of Louisiana (HEAL)
Healthy Schools Campaign
Healthy Schools Network
International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)
Jobs for the Future
League of American Orchestras
Learning Disabilities Association of America
Lions Clubs International
National Center for Technological Literacy at the Museum of Science, Boston
National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP)
National Association for College Admission Counseling
National Association for Music Education (NAfME)
National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP)
National Association of School Nurses
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)
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National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA)
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National Science Teachers Association
National Summer Learning Association
Safe Routes to School National Partnership
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