

TITLE IV-A

COALITION

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
The Capitol, S-230
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
The Capitol, H-232
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
The Capitol, S-221
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
The Capitol, H-204
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 25, 2019

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Republican Leader McConnell, and Democratic Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we urge you to pass bipartisan legislation that waives the Budget Control Act's FY20 and FY21 spending caps and establishes new overall spending caps that allow for adequate investments in k-12 education programs. If a budget deal is not passed and sequester spending levels are enacted, education funding is in grave jeopardy of facing disproportionate cuts that would seriously impede the ability of Congress to make adequate investments in truly critical programs like the Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) block grant under Title IV-A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Authorized at \$1.6 billion through 2021, the SSAE block grant supports three important education areas: 1) safe and healthy students activities, such as providing comprehensive mental and behavioral health services to students, implementing violence prevention programs, trauma informed care, and school safety trainings; 2) increasing student access to a well-rounded education, such as: STEM; computer science and accelerated learning courses; career and technical education; physical education; the arts; music; foreign languages; college and career counseling; effective school library programs; social and emotional learning; and, 3) providing students with access to technology and digital materials and educators with technology professional development opportunities.

We greatly appreciate that Congress appropriated \$1.1 billion in FY 18 and \$1.17 billion in FY 19 for Title IV-A, funding levels that allowed districts the flexibility to meaningfully invest in many of these program areas that provide essential educational services to students. As you contemplate spending cap negotiations, we urge you to bear in mind the important investments the federal government makes in k-12 education programs and to ensure that any final budget deal guarantees that students and educators can continue to rely on stable Title IV-A funding for so many of their educational needs.

We are grateful for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

National Organizations
Advance CTE
Afterschool Alliance
Alliance for Excellent Education
American Composers Forum
American Counseling Association
American Dance Therapy Association
American Federation of School Administrators
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Orff-Schulwerk Association
American Psychological Association
ASCD
Association for Career and Technical Education
Association of Computer Technology Educators of Maine
Association of School Psychologists of Pennsylvania
City Year
codeSpark
CodeVA
Committee for Children
Communities In Schools
CommunityShare
Computer Science Alliance
CoSN
Council of Administrators of Special Education

Drum Corps International
EdCatalyst Group
EDGE Consulting LLC
Educators for Excellence
Girl Scouts of the USA
GLSEN
Hmong Culture and Language Program
International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)
League of American Orchestras
Learning Disabilities Association of America
Little Kids Rock
MakeMusic, Inc
Metropolitan Youth Symphony
NAMM, National Association of Music Merchants
National Association for College Admission Counseling
National Association for Music Education
National Association of Elementary School Principals
National Association of School Nurses
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of Secondary School Principals
National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE)
National Center for Learning Disabilities
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)
National Music Council

National PTA
National Science Teachers Association
National Summer Learning Association
NCCE - Northwest Council for Computer Education
Noteflight, a Hal Leonard Company
Organization of American Kodály Educators
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity
Progressive Music
QuaverMusic
Qudrant Research
Recording Academy
RedRock Reports
School Social Work Association of America
SETDA
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators
Software and Information Industry Association
State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education
TASH
The College Board
The Rock and Roll Forever Foundation
Trust for America's Health
VH1 Save The Music Foundation
Wurrly Holdings, LLC

State Organizations
Arizona
Arizona Association of School Psychologists
Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association
Arizona Choral Educators
Arizona Dance Education Organization
Arizona Music Educators Association
Arizona Technology Education Association
Cache County School District

Scottsdale Unified School District
California
California Association of School Psychologists
California Music Educators Association
CUE
Colorado
Colorado Society of School Psychologists
Connecticut
Connecticut Association of School Psychologists
Buttonball Lane Elementary School
Putnam Administrator's Association
Norwich School Administrators Association
South Winsor Administrators Association
Torrington TPSAA
East Hampton School Administrators Association
DC
District of Columbia Association of School Psychologists
Georgia
Georgia Association of School Psychologists
Georgia CoSN CTO Chapter
Hawaii
Hawaii Music Education Association
Idaho
Idaho School Psychologist Association
Illinois

Illinois Computing Educators
Illinois School Psychologists Association (ISPA)
Indiana
Indiana Association of School Psychologists
Indiana Connected Educators
Iowa
Iowa School Psychologists Association
Louisiana
Louisiana Computer Using Educators
Louisiana Music Educators Association
Louisiana School Psychological Association
Maine
Maine Music Educators Association
Maryland
Maryland Out of School Time Network
Maryland Society for Educational Technology
Massachusetts
MACUL
MassCUE
Michigan
Michigan Association of School Psychologists
Michigan Music Education Association
Minnesota
Minnesota Music Educators Association
Minnesota School Psychologist Association

Minnesota School Psychology Association
Mississippi
Mississippi Association for Psychology in the Schools
Missouri
Missouri Association of School Psychologists
Missouri Educational Technology Leaders
Missouri Music Educators Association
Moving MattersKC
Montana
Montana Council for Computers and Technology in Education
Great Falls Public Schools Music and Art Department
Nebraska
Nebraska School Psychologists Association
Nevada
Nevada Association of School Psychologists
Nevada Music Educators Association
New Hampshire
New England ISTE
New Hampshire Association of School Psychologists
New Hampshire Society for Technology in Education
New Jersey
New Jersey Association of School Psychologists
Arts Ed NJ
New Mexico
New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network

New York
New York State Association for Computers and Technologies in Education
North Carolina
North Carolina Music Educators Association
Ohio
Ohio Music Education Association
Ohio School Psychologists Association
Oklahoma
Oklahoma School Psychological Association
Olinger Educational Consulting Services, Oklahoma
Oregon
OregonASK
Pennsylvania
PAECT (Pennsylvania Association for Communications and Technology in Education)
Pennsylvania Association for Educational Communications and Technology
Pennsylvania Music Educators Association
Rhode Island
Rhode Island School Psychologists Association
Rhode Island Society of Technology Educators
South Carolina
South Carolina Association of School Psychologists
South Dakota
South Dakota Association of School Psychologists

Tennessee
Tennessee Afterschool Network
Tennessee Music Education Association
TETA (TN Educational Technology Association)
United Ways of Tennessee
Texas
Texas Computer Education Association
Texas K-12 CTO Council
Utah
Utah Music Educators Association
Virginia
Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time (VPOST)
Virginia Society for Technology in Education
Virgin Islands
St. Thomas/St. John Educational Administrators' Association
Washington State
Washington Elementary School District
Washington State Association of School Psychologists
School's Out Washington
Wisconsin
Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association
Wisconsin Music Educators Association