



Broward County Public Schools

2018 Federal Legislative Priorities

115th CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Federal Education Resources

- Enhance and maintain resources for federal education programs including Title I for disadvantaged students; Title II for improving teacher and principal training and recruiting; Title III for English Language Learners; and 21st Century Community Learning Centers.
- Fulfill the commitment to allocate 40 percent of the national per pupil average expenditure to implement the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.
- Preserve the funding and reimbursement structure for Medicaid, specifically those payments to schools for qualifying services provided to students with disabilities.

Every Student Succeeds Act

- Implementation should include adjusted timeline for states to implement their new accountability systems in the 2017-2018 school year, with identification of new schools for improvement in 2018-2019 in accordance with Congressional intent.
- Include a collaborative local-state-federal partnership to maximize the flexibility in ESSA, and support school districts through technical assistance and compliance resources.

Student Safety

- Maintain and increase support for programs including Safe Routes to Schools, and the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Community Act.
- Advocate for programs that address emotional and behavioral wellness, school security and student privacy.

Child Nutrition Act

- Maintain nutrition standards phased in under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act as supported by students, parents and educators alike.
- Address the issue of summer hunger by expanding the Summer Food Service Program.
- Ensure training for food service professionals.

Carl Perkins Career & Technical Education Act

- Ensure all students have access to high-quality career and technical (CTE) programs in middle and high schools, including students with disabilities and English-Language Learners.
- Increase federal support for innovative programs and initiatives that offer students expanded exposure to CTE programs.
- Ensure that CTE educators are included in key decisions about future program and curriculum designs through collaborative efforts at the local, state and federal level.
- Stronger collaboration among educational institutions and the private sector in order to design better programs and more accurately and effectively track progress.

Head Start

- Enhance funding for Head Start and appropriate early education standards for Head Start that are aligned with state academic content standards designed to ensure school readiness.
- Support development and expansion of quality voluntary preschool programs while ensuring the adoption of developmentally appropriate early education standards that are aligned with state K-12 academic content standards.

Immigration Impact

- Address the financial impact of federal immigration policies on local school districts by providing continued resources under programs such as the Entrant and Refugee Assistance Program and the English Language Acquisition Program, while also supporting the DREAM Act or similar legislation.