South Carolina School Boards Association

The CARES Act and Where We Go Next

Thursday, April 30, 2020
Public Education is the Most Important Investment We Can Make in Our Future
Champion Our Children (Long-Term): Pre-COVID-19 Advocacy Efforts for 2020

Working for a Strong and Accurate Census Count

Fighting for Increased Resources and Federal Support

Recruiting, Retaining, and Securing Great Teachers

IDEA – Full Funding

Bridging the Digital Divide in Learning (Keeping E-Rate Strong; Closing the Homework Gap)
Early NSBA Advocacy Efforts During COVID-19

• NSBA has worked to promote specific priorities during the consideration and negotiations on the three supplemental bills:
  • Massive fiscal relief for schools dealing with this crisis
  • Broadband access for students
  • Flexibility for providing services while schools are operating remotely for students with disabilities
  • Clarifying questions around the nutrition waivers
  • Working in collaboration with other education organizations
Congressional Response to COVID-19 Crisis

- HR 6074 - Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (PL 116-123)
  (COVID Supplemental 1) $8.3 billion

- HR 6201 - Families First Coronavirus Response Act (PL 116-127)
  (COVID Supplemental 2) $3.5 billion

- HR 748/S 3548 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act
  (COVID Supplemental 3) $2 trillion overall, $13.5 for K12

- COVID Supplemental 4...?
Champion Our Children (Short-Term): Post-COVID-19 Advocacy Efforts for 2020

Fighting for Increased Resources and Federal Support
At least $200 billion for K12 education including $175 billion to states for education, $13 billion minimum for IDEA, and $12 billion for Title I

Bridging the Digital Divide in Learning (Keeping E-Rate Strong; Closing the Homework Gap)
At least $4 billion in funding targeted to the E-Rate Program to connect students at home

IDEA – Full Funding and Flexibility Now!
This crisis demonstrates now is the time to fully fund IDEA
IT'S TIME FOR A GREAT IDEA!

#NSBA4IDEA

National School Boards Association
Access to High-Speed Broadband is Critical
COVID-19 Proves Public Education is the Future! We Must Invest in It!