

## 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:

Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK)

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)

National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE)

National Center for Learning Disabilities

**National Council of Teachers of Mathematics** 

National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA)

**National PTA** 

**National Science Teachers Association** 

**National Summer Learning Association** 

Safe Routes to School National Partnership

Save the children

School Social Work Association of America

SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators

Society for Public Health Education

Society of Women Engineers

Software & Information Industry Association

State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA)

The American Counseling Association

The College Board

The Corps Network

The Joyful Child Foundation