Advocacy and ESSA: Why Every Voice Matters

#SchoolHealth17

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What Can We Do?

1. Educate yourself on ESSA
2. Educate others on the opportunities for a well-rounded education
3. Engage in state & school district level discussions & planning on ESSA
4. Advocate for funding on the federal, state, and local level
5. Be the positive change agent that your state and district need!
No matter how well teachers are prepared to teach, no matter what accountability measures are put in place, no matter what governing structures are established for schools, educational progress will be profoundly limited if students are not motivated and able to learn.

- Charles Basch
new federal education law is passed!
The Long and Winding Road

- **2002:** No Child Left Behind leaves health and physical education behind resulting in funding & program cuts.

- **2002-2015:** Federal grants from USDOE to districts is ongoing during this time period to retain only access to federal physical education funding.

- **2015:** Every Student Succeeds Act passed! Health and physical education are included as part of the definition of a “well-rounded education” which replaces term “core subjects.”
ESSA Changes the Game

Sets new framework and funding for elementary and secondary education and shifts focus to a “well-rounded education” for all students.
Health & Physical Education in ESSA

- Included in well-rounded education
  - Replaces term “core subjects” from NCLB
  - Provides access to federal education funding
  - Title IV, Part A state block grants priority
Well-Rounded Education

English ~ reading/language arts ~ writing ~ science technology ~ engineering ~ mathematics ~ civics and government ~ economics ~ geography ~ foreign languages ~ computer science ~ arts ~ history career and technical education ~ music

health and physical education.

18 subjects!
ESSA Basics

- Government authority – shift to states & school districts
- Standards and assessments set by states
- Elimination of AYP & HQT – states will set benchmarks and teacher qualifications
- Consolidation of programs (like PEP)
- Flexibility in funding
Implementation of ESSA

- States and school districts are creating plans NOW
  - 2016–2017 school year is transition year
  - Funding for 2016–2017 school year under NCLB formulas
  - ESSA formula funding (Titles I, II, IV) allocated to states July 2017
  - States will submit plans to US Department of Education in Spring 2017 and Sept 18, 2017
ESSA Funding Opportunities

- Title I – low income schools, largest pot of $
- Title II – professional development for school employees
- Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
- Title IV, Part B – 21st Century Community Learning Centers (afterschool and summer programs)
Title I Opportunities

- State Accountability plans must include:
  - Student assessment scores
  - Graduation rates
  - Assistance to students with academic challenges
  - Minimum of ONE indicator for school quality

- School quality indicator must include at least 3 metrics that show significant differentiation between schools
  - Opportunity to address school climate, student engagement, safe, along with health and physical education
Title II Opportunities

- Professional Development for School Employees
  - Health and physical education PD days
  - State/district/national conferences
  - Developing leadership qualities
  - Focus on evidence-based programs
  - Recruitment of teachers
Title IV, Part A

- Student Support and Academic Enrichments Grants

Flexible state block grant program **authorized** at $1.65 billion in FY 2017 in ESSA

- 1) Well-rounded education (e.g. educating the whole child, all subjects in definition covered)
- 2) Supporting safe and healthy students (e.g. comprehensive school mental health, drug and violence prevention, training on trauma-informed practices, **health and physical education**, etc.)
- 3) Effective use of technology (professional development, blended learning, devices, etc.)
FY17 Appropriations

- The President's FY 17 budget proposal included only $500 million
- Senate Labor HHS Appropriations Subcommittee bill included $300 million
- House Appropriations Committee bill included $1 billion
- CR - $400 million
  - Kentucky apx 6 million
Distribution of Funds: Title IV, Part A

- Allocation to states based on the Title I funding formula

- States will allocate funds to school districts based on Title I formula or via competitive grants at SEA level
FY18 Appropriations

- The President's FY 18 budget proposal
  - $0 for Title II
    - $0 for Title IV A
  - $0 for Title IV B
FY18 Appropriations

- Senate proposal at $500 million for Title IV Part A
  - Continues to fund Title II and IV Part B
- House $450 million for Title IV Part A
  - Funds IV B, but no funding for Title II
School Administrators Enhance Student Achievement by Supporting the Whole Child

School administrators are in the primary position to change schools into places where students learn healthy lifestyle habits that support their success in school and are essential for lifetime well-being. READ MORE

The Role of the School Health Coordinator – The American School Health Association (ASHA) believes that healthier students are better learners. School health programs continue to evolve to meet the changing needs of schools and students. A coordinated school health approach, such as that described in the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model, is an integrated set… READ MORE
Fully Fund ESSA Title IV, Part A

Ensure that appropriators in Congress follow bipartisan Congressional intent and fully fund the state block grant in Title IV, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act that supports health and physical education in schools at the authorized level of $1.65 billion.

Our Issues

Fully fund ESSA Title II, Part A to support professional development!

Ensure that appropriators in Congress follow bipartisan Congressional intent and fully fund Title II, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act that supports professional development for all school employees at the authorized level of $2.256 billion.

Health and PE Letter to the Editor Template

Use this template to send a letter to the editor to your local media outlets. Ask stakeholders and constituents in your city and state to support school health and physical education for students!
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