

NASSP Supports a Comprehensive, Bipartisan Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act *Positions on Current Legislative Proposals*

NASSP Opposes the House Bill (H.R. 5), the Student Success Act

Why Do We Oppose the Bill?

- v Locks in sequester cuts and authorizes Title I funding at FY 2015 levels through FY 2021
- v Includes Title I portability provision
- Removes the term "principal" from federal law and includes a broad definition of "school leader" that inappropriately includes superintendents and district leaders
- v Does not require states to use Title II funds for professional development for principals
- Does not require that school leader evaluation systems in states be based on more than just student test scores
- Eliminates federal programs aimed at providing support for literacy instruction and education technology
- Provides states and districts with too much flexibility in the use of federal funds, which could have an adverse impact on specific student populations
- Eliminates School Improvement Grants (SIG) program, which ensures that 40% of funds are targeted to lowest-performing middle level and high schools

What Do We Support in the Bill?

- Eliminates adequate yearly progress (AYP) and allows for multiple measures of student achievement
- v Negates requirement that 100% of students be proficient by 2014
- Removes school turnaround models that all require the principal to be replaced if he or she has been in the position for more than three years
- Includes a 10% cap on the amount of Title II funds that may be used for class-size reduction

NASSP Opposes the Senate Discussion Draft (No Bill #), Every Child Ready for College or Career Act

Why Do We <u>Oppose</u> the Discussion Draft?

- v Consolidates numerous federal programs into block grants
- v Freezes Title I at FY 2015 funding levels for 5 years
- v Includes Title I portability provision
- v Eliminates maintenance of effort
- Expands allowable uses under Title II, which ensures there will be less funding for principal professional development
- v Allows for "out-of-field" recruitment of principals with no prior teaching experience
- v Includes an overly broad definition of "school leader"
- v Eliminates School Leadership program and education technology provisions
- v Does not include a comprehensive literacy program
- v Consolidates several safe and healthy schools programs

What Do We Support in the Discussion Draft?vRemoves requirement that teacher and

- principal evaluations be based "in significant part" on student achievement
- v Requires disaggregation and public reporting of student achievement data by subgroups
- v Removes one-size-fits-all accountability systems
- v Includes extended-year graduation rates
- v Eliminates school turnaround models that all require principal replacement