

Educating Students with Disabilities

cost over ten years, 2012-2021

Tax cuts for the wealthiest

\$1 trillion

**Special
education**

\$306 billion

Fulfilling the federal promise to share in the full costs of helping almost 7 million students with special needs succeed in school . . .



. . . or giving away \$1 trillion in tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans while cutting funding for education as proposed in the House Republican budget plan.

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Sources: Senate Budget Committee for the tax cut amount. NEA calculations for the estimated cost of fully funding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Years ago, the federal government promised to cover 40 percent of the national average per pupil expenditure for children with disabilities, but has never come close. Today, the federal share is less than 17 percent and falling. Instead, the federal government has shifted the burden to states and local school districts to make up the difference.