



April 17, 2023

Committee on Appropriations
U.S House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

We are pleased that President Biden's FY2024 budget proposal would continue to make historic investments in schools with high poverty rates through Title I funding, in children with disabilities through IDEA, and in community schools. Specifically, we urge you to support [these elements](#) of the budget, including:

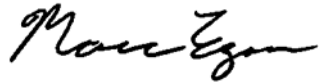
- **\$20.78 billion for Title I**, a \$2.4 billion increase over FY2023 enacted levels, for schools with high poverty rates among students.
- **\$16.59 billion for IDEA, Part B**, a \$3 billion increase over FY2023 enacted levels, for special education and related services to children with disabilities.
- **\$400 million for Full-Service Community Schools**, a \$218 million increase over FY2023 enacted levels, to help meet students' needs through integrated academic, health, nutrition, and economic services.
- **\$93 million for Supporting Effective Education Development**, a \$13 million increase over the FY2023 enacted level, to address the educator shortage that is already at crisis levels, especially in certain subjects.
- **\$578 million to increase the number of school-based counselors, psychologists, social workers, and other health professionals in K-12 schools** to address the mental health crisis among students and educators created by the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath.
- **\$405 million for the Education Innovation and Research program** to help identify ways to recruit and retain educators.
- **\$1.47 billion for Perkins career and technical education grants**, \$43 million over the FY2023 enacted level, to support access to dual enrollment and work-based learning.
- **\$429 million over the 2023 enacted level for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Minority-Serving Institutions** to support inclusive higher education and expand institutional capacity.

Tight budget controls severely constricted education funding for many years. As a result, ongoing education programs receive \$8.3 billion less than they did a decade ago in inflation-

adjusted terms. We urge you to help reverse this tragic trajectory by supporting increases in education funding.

Additionally, we call on you to resist cutting or capping non-defense discretionary (NDD) funding in a manner that reduces education funding during the FY2024 appropriations process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Egan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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