

September 2, 2025

Representative Robert Aderholt
Chair, Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education, and Related Agencies
Subcommittee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Shelley Moore Capito
Chair, Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education, and Related Agencies
Subcommittee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Representative Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Subcommittee
United States House of Representatives
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Senator Tammy Baldwin
Ranking Member, Labor, Health and Human
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United States Senate
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Dear Chair Aderholt, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chair Capito, and Ranking Member Baldwin,:

On July 23, 2025, your offices received [a letter](#) signed jointly by 17 members of the National Alliance for Family Engagement. In that letter we urged you to protect important budget items that support meaningful family, school, and community engagement from proposed eliminations, cuts, and deemphasis via consolidations into block grants as seen in the President's FY26 budget request.

In the time since, the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved the FY26 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act by a bipartisan vote of 26-3. Comparison details are below. We want to thank the Senate Committee for strongly supporting programs that benefit families, schools, and communities by largely maintaining the funds we identified in our July 23rd letter.

We, the undersigned 208 organizations, write in recognition of these new developments. We urge the House to, like the Senate, prioritize family engagement programs by maintaining funding for these programs and reaffirming their commitment to the children, families, and communities they serve.

First, the Administration's proposed FY26 budget sought to consolidate and cut through the "K-12 Simplified Funding Plan." We applaud the Senate Committee on Appropriations for maintaining specified funding streams and also sustaining funding at FY24 levels. The tables below show FY24 amounts, the Administration's FY26 proposed funding, and the amount approved by the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Programs Facing Consolidation and Cuts in President's Proposed "K-12 Simplified Funding Plan" <i>(Figures in in thousands of dollars)</i>	FY2024 Final	FY2026 Request	Senate Approp. FY26
Statewide Family Engagement Centers (ESEA IV-E)	20,000	0	20,000
Promise Neighborhoods (ESEA IV-F-2, section 4624)	91,000	0	91,000
21st Century Community Learning Centers (ESEA IV-B)	1,329,673	0	1,329,673
Education For Homeless Children And Youths (MVHAA Title VII-B)	129,000	0	129,000

Second, unlike the Administration's proposal to eliminate several programs entirely, the approved Senate Committee on Appropriations bill largely sustains these commitments. The lone exceptions are a \$15m cut to Full-Service Community Schools and a \$2.5m cut to Ready to Learn Programming. We hope that the House version of this appropriations package at least maintains prior program funding.

Programs Facing Elimination in President's Proposal <i>(Figures in in thousands of dollars)</i>	FY2024 Final	FY2026 Request	Senate Approp. FY26
Full-Service Community Schools (ESEA IV-F-2, section 4625)	150,000	0	135,000
English Language Acquisition (ESEA III-A)	890,000	0	890,000
Migrant Education (ESEA I-C)	375,626	0	375,626
Ready to Learn Programming (ESEA IV-F-4, section 4643)	31,000	0	28,500

Finally, we want to applaud the Senate Committee for keeping certain sections of IDEA as individual programs rather than roll them into a block grant as requested in the Administration's FY26 proposal. Moving these programs into a block grant would pit these important initiatives against one another and create significant state-to-state inconsistencies in services. We hope the House version similarly sustains line-item funding for these programs.

IDEA Programs Deprioritized via Block Granting in President's Proposal <i>(Figures in in thousands of dollars)</i>	FY2024 Final	FY2026 Request	Senate Approp. FY26
Parent Information Centers (sections 671-673)	33,152	0	33,152
State Personnel Development (subpart 1)	38,630	0	38,630
Preschool Grants (IDEA B-619)	420,000	0	420,000

We ask that the House, like the Senate, maintain these programs and sustain individual funding streams rather than block grants. We also ask the House to restore the limited cuts found in the Senate Committee's package. We applaud the Senate Committee for advancing an appropriations package that avoids pitfalls found in the Administration's proposed FY26 budget that would devastate children and families.

Although this letter, like the July 23rd letter, focuses on the need for investments in the FY 2026 Department of Education budget, we also hope Congress remembers education is reinforced by

investments in various other health and human services that must similarly be protected, such as Head Start, Medicaid, SNAP benefits, and mental health services.

Supporting families is a non-partisan issue that has historically enjoyed bipartisan support. The Senate Committee's 26-3 vote on the LHHS bill demonstrates this as well. We sincerely hope you protect these programs and their positive impacts on the country's children, parents, families, and communities.

For any questions, please contact Vito Borrello, Executive Director of the National Association for Family, School, and Community Engagement (borrellov@nafsce.org).

Sincerely,

National Organizations (54)

AACTE: American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

Abound Parenting, PBC

Afterschool Alliance

Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools

Ascend

Barrett Consulting

Book Harvest

Center for Youth & Community Leadership in Education (CYCLE)

Coalition for Community Schools

CommunityShare

CoolSpeak

Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation

Dadvocacy Consulting Group

Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Services (DEC)

EDGE Consulting Partners

EdTrust

First Focus Campaign for Children

Institute for Educational Leadership

Intersection Collective

League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

Learn and Found

Learning Heroes

MathBRIX LLC (dba ThinkPlayful)

Mocha Moms, Inc.

National Association for Family, School, and Community Engagement (NAFSCE)

National Association of Educational Translators and Interpreters of Spoken Languages

National Center for Families Learning

National Parent Leadership Institute

National PLACE

National STEM Funders Network

National Writing Project
NYU Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools
Parent Teacher Home Visits
ParentChild+
ParentPowered PBC
Parents as Tutors
Parents for Public Schools
Partnership for the Future of Learning
PFLAG National
Project Appleseed
PTO Answers
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)
School Biz Match
SPAN Parent Advocacy Network
SPC Educational Solutions
STEP Engagement Coaching
TalkingPoints
The Global Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders
The National Association of African American Parents and Youth aka NAAAPY
The New York Hall of Science
UnidosUS
Unite for Safe Social Media
United Parent Leaders in Action Network (UPLAN)
WATCH D.O.G.S.® Dads of Great Students

State Organizations (55)

Arizona (2)

Arizona Association of School Psychologists
Arizona PBS

California (6)

California Child Care Resource And Referral Network
California Family Engagement Network
Families In Schools
STEP Engagement Coaching
The Knowledge Shop
Veritas Educational LLC

Colorado (2)

Keystone Policy Center
PEAK Parent Center

Connecticut (3)

Area Cooperative Educational Services
Connecticut Statewide Family Engagement Center
CT Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC)

Delaware (4)

ASPIRA Delaware
Delaware Adolescent Program, Inc.
Parent Information Center of Delaware
The Skills Connexion LLC.

Georgia (1)

Parent to Parent of Georgia

Hawaii (2)

Family Hui Hawaii
Hawai'i 'Ohana Support Network

Idaho (1)

Idaho Parents Unlimited

Illinois (3)

COFI
Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois
POWER-PAC IL

Indiana (1)

Soar Education Consultant Services

Kentucky (1)

The Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence

Louisiana (1)

Louisiana Statewide Family Engagement Center

Maryland (3)

In Reach, Inc.
Maryland Alliance for Racial Equity in Education
The Parents' Place of MD

Michigan (1)

Michigan Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Mississippi (1)

Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities

Missouri (2)

Bulldogs Enrichment Activity and Teaching
Morgan County R-1 BEAT

North Carolina (2)

East Carolina University | Rural Education Institute | Full Service University-Assisted Community Schools
Exceptional Children's Assistance Center

New Hampshire (1)

NH Statewide Family Engagement Center

New Jersey (1)

Family Voices NJ

New Mexico (2)

NEA-New Mexico Center for Community Schools
Parents Reaching Out

Oregon (1)

FACT Oregon

Pennsylvania (1)

Xiente Children's Center formerly known as Norris Square

South Carolina (4)

Bubba's Light, Inc.
Carolina Family Engagement Center
Family Connection of South Carolina
Michele Myers Consulting Company LLC

South Dakota (2)

South Dakota Statewide Family Engagement Center - a project of Black Hills Special Services Cooperative
South Dakota Parent Connection

Virginia (1)

Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC)

Vermont (1)

Vermont Family Network

Washington (4)

Cambodian Women Networking Asso.

PAVE

Roots of Inclusion

Washington Family Engagement

Wisconsin (1)

Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training & Support

Local Organizations (99)

Arkansas (1)

DeQueen Mena Educational Cooperative Foster Grandparent Program

Arizona (3)

Deer Valley Unified School District

Cottonwood-Oak Creek School District #6

Pendergast Elementary School District

California (12)

Akoma Unity Center

Alder Grove Charter School

Creative Arts Charter

Esperanza community food bank

HUSD/Cherryland ES

Kern River Valley Family Resource Center

Keyes Union Elementary School District

LAUSD Wellness Program

Morgan Hill Unified School District

Palm Springs Unified School District

SpEducational

United We Lead Foundation

Colorado (4)

Cherry Creek School District

Empowered, Ltd.

Show and Tell

South Lakewood Elementary

Connecticut (5)

Danbury Collective

Danbury Public Schools

Stamford Cradle to Career

United Way of Coastal and Western Connecticut
Windsor Adult Education

District of Columbia (2)

Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School- Brookland Campus
Roots Public Charter School

Florida (1)

Unlimited Potential Community School Initiative

Georgia (2)

Clarke County School District
Parent Education for Exceptional Children

Iowa (2)

Marshalltown Community School District
Coon Rapids-Bayard CSD

Illinois (4)

Brenda's Academy
Play Smart Literacy
Berwyn North School District 98
Freeport School District 145

Indiana (2)

CIESC
Union North United School Corp.

Kentucky (2)

GrowBabyGrow: Creative Dance for Happy Families
Read Ready Covington

Maine (1)

Mt. Blue Regional School District #9

Maryland (6)

Caroline County Local Care Team
Baltimore City Public Schools
Baltimore Design School
Dyslexia Tutoring Program
Engage Genius Now!
FCCAMC Maria Luz Family Childcare

Michigan (4)

Bedford Community Education and Adult Education
Hazel Park Schools
Lapeer County Intermediate School District
Roseville Community Schools

Minnesota (1)

Fond du Lac Ojibwe School Family and Child Education (FACE) Program

Mississippi (1)

Leflore Legacy Academy

Montana (2)

Ft. Belknap Head Start Program
Lake County School Districts of Montana on the Flathead Indian Reservation

North Carolina (1)

F I R S T

New Jersey (3)

Association for Special Children & Families
Harbor of Hope
Paterson Education Foundation

New Mexico (2)

Albuquerque Public Schools
Raices del Saber Xinachtli Community School

Nevada (1)

Douglas County School District

New York (10)

BAND Against Bullying
Community Inclusion & Development Alliance
Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES
Fallsburg Central School District
Genesee Valley PTA
INCLUDEnyc
Little Flower UFSD
Parent Network of WNY
Sackets Harbor Central School District
Tual Learning Solutions

Ohio (5)

Campus of Wickliffe

GRAD Cincinnati Inc.
Horizon Education Centers
Richard Allen Schools
River View Local School District

Oregon (2)

Clackamas Education Service District
Yoncalla School District

Pennsylvania (4)

ARIN Intermediate Unit 28
Moshannon Valley School District
Stroudsburg Area School Board Member
URTHEKEY North Philadelphia Block Captains & Community Association

Rhode Island (1)

Jamestown School Department

South Carolina (1)

Family Resource Center for Disabilities and Special Needs

Tennessee (2)

Humboldt City Schools
Shora Foundation

Texas (3)

Carrizo Springs CISD
Florence ISD
Morgan Independent School District

Utah (2)

Granite School District
Ogden School District

Virginia (3)

Accomack County Public Schools
Aspire Afterschool Learning
Carroll County Lift Up AmeriCorps

Vermont (1)

West River Valley Thrives

Washington (2)

Open Doors for Multicultural Families

Wenatchee School District

Wisconsin (1)

Ellsworth Community School District