

Federal Education Update

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Agenda

- Lame Duck Congress
- FY25 Appropriations
- E-rate Update
- Trump 2.0
- First 100 Days (What We Expect)
- 119th Congressional Priorities



Lame Duck Congress

The 118th Congress has about 3 weeks left and A LOT to do

- FY25 Appropriations
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization
- Social Security Fairness Act
- National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
- Disaster Relief Supplemental Package



FY25 Appropriations

- Current continuing resolution (CR) expires on December 20
- We expect a short-term CR to allow the 119th Congress to finalize FY25 with full control over funding
- The House FY25 proposal gives insight into Republican education funding priorities

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Congress faces shutdown dilemma that could mess with Trump's first 100 days

There's no easy answer for Republicans as they move toward a stopgap bill to push a key government funding deadline to early 2025, which could complicate Trump's other plans.



Another government shutdown deadline looms on Dec. 20. Samuel Corum / AFP / Getty Images

FY25 Funding

FY25 Appropriations Proposals

Program	FY24 Final	FY25 House	FY25 Senate
Title I	\$18.407 billion	\$14.626 billion (-4.7b)	\$18.687 billion (+280 m)
IDEA	\$14.214 billion	\$14.239 billion (+25 m)	\$14.509 billion (+295 m)
Title II	\$2.19 billion	\$0 (-2.19 billion)	\$2.19 billion (level)
Title III	\$890 million	\$0 (-890 m)	\$895 million (+5 m)
Title IV, Part A	\$1.39 billion	\$1.39 billion (level)	\$1.39 billion (level)
Impact Aid	\$1.625 billion	\$1.630 billion (+5 m)	\$1.645 billion (+20 m)
REAP	\$220 million	\$225 million (+5 m)	\$230 million (+10 m)

E-Rate & the Universal Service Fund

The future of E-Rate and the Universal Service Fund is not in the hands of the Supreme Court

Background: Back in July, the 5th Circuit Court handed down a decision in the Consumers Research et. al vs. the FCC case that found the Universal Service Fund unconstitutional. The decision is now heading to the Supreme Court where they will determine the future of the program. This jeopardizes not just E-Rate but all USF programs.

TLDR: Program implementation for E-Rate will continue uninterrupted until a decision is handed down. AESA will continue to advocate for the program in Congress for a legislative fix to protect the program in the case of a bad SCOTUS decision.





What's Next for 2025?





Trump 2.0



- Abolishing the U.S. Department of Education?
- Who is Linda McMahon?
- Education Priorities
 - Rescinding Title IX reg (may take a while)
 - Investigating districts that are pro-DEI, CRT, LGBTQI+ (may happen faster)
 - Ending wokeness
 - Federal vouchers





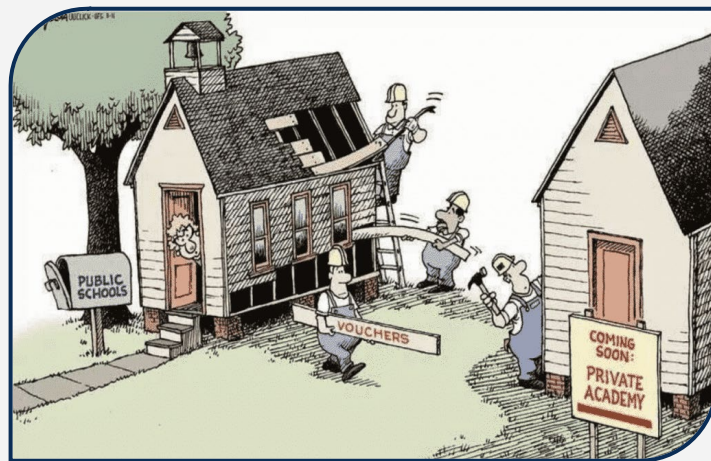
Leadership Check

- ✓ John Thune is new Senate Majority Leader
- ✓ Mike Johnson is still the Speaker
- ✓ Small majorities require compromise (or bullying from the President)

First 100 days: Reconciliation

Tax package that could include:

- 529 accounts for families that homeschool
- First federal school voucher tax credit program
 - 5b/a year for 4 years OR 10b/a year for 10 years
 - Unlimited voucher for kids who attend private school (cost of tuition) or expenses related to homeschooling
 - Available to family up to 300% of median gross income (In NY State that \$225k)
 - No federal interference in how funds are used/what schools or things they go to



First 100 days: Immigration Enforcement

Trump Administration has called for mass deportation for undocumented immigrants – leading to fears among students, families and staff

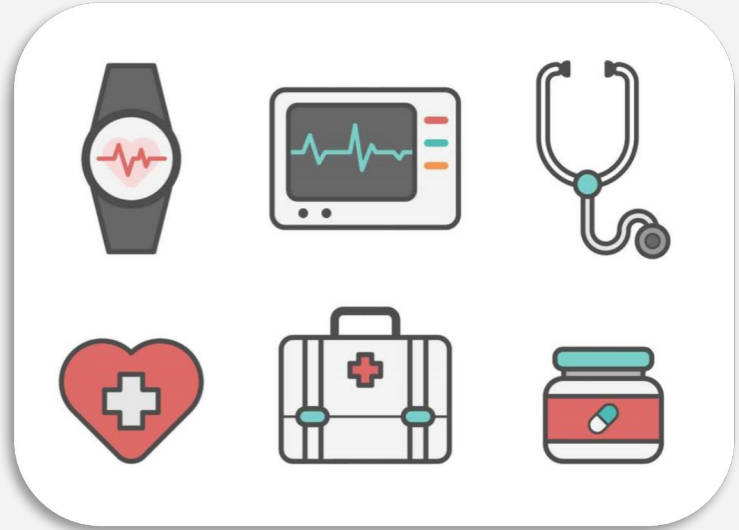
- Schools are currently considered Protected Areas/Sensitive Locations under DHS – expected to be repealed – working to have codified by Congress
- **However**, *Plyler* is still the law of the land: SCOTUS decision that holds all children, regardless of immigration status are entitled to a free public education
- DACA is currently in litigation – decision expected soon
- Concerns on how the Trump Administration will use FAFSA data



First 100 days: Medicaid Changes

House Republican leadership has signaled that they would like to restructure the Medicaid program to save hundreds of billions of dollars in expenses to pay for expiring tax cuts.

School-based Medicaid programs sit on the shoulder of successful state Medicaid programs.



First 100 Days: Regulation Repeals?



Overtime

Overtime rule **BLOCKED** by
Courts



Head Start

Head Start wage
increase repeal



Lead Testing

Lead testing of
schools repeal



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100 Days: Miscellaneous Must-Dos

- Senate confirmations for Cabinet posts
- Raising the debt ceiling (expiration Jan 2)
- Messaging bills getting introduced, heard and marked up (anti-woke, parental rights)

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119th Congress Education Priorities

In addition to the caucus priorities listed previously, education committee leadership has outlined some ambitious additional priorities:

- Pathways to careers outside of 4-year colleges/universities
- Short-term Pell Grants
- IDEA Reauthorization
- Higher Education Act (HEA) Reauthorization

SPOILER: new leadership always says they want these reauthorizations but both are long overdue. Whether or not these items can actually be accomplished remains to be seen.

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What can you do?

Now is the time to reach out to your members of Congress!

- Congratulate them on election/re-election
- Inform them about your work, invite them to visit
- Underscore how critical federal funding is for the work you do

Feel free to reach out to me for any resources or support in your advocacy. Unsure who represents your district(s)? Find them [here](#).





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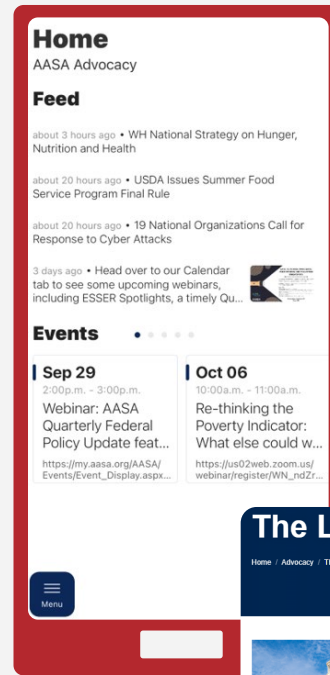
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