

TITLE IV-A COALITION

STATEMENT OF THE TITLE IV-A COALITION ON SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL OF \$450 MILLION FOR STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT (SSAE) GRANT PROGRAM IN FY18

Washington D.C., September 06, 2017 – “The Title IV-A Coalition appreciates the Senate Appropriations LHHS-Ed Subcommittee increasing the Title IV-A allocation by \$50 million during this era of tight budget caps. However, a \$450 million funding level for FY18 is still far too low to operate the program with the flexibility and effectiveness that its authors intended. At this fractional level, many districts will not receive their statutorily mandated minimum allocations and will be severely constrained from making meaningful investments in well-rounded programs, safe and healthy schools, and the effective use of technology. Programs supported by these funds are integral to student academic success, not ancillary. Diminishing schools’ ability to adequately ensure safe, healthy and effective learning environments will undermine their primary mission to teach America’s children the knowledge and skills necessary for productive adulthood and citizenship. When Congress conferences the Senate bill and its companion in the House later this year, we hope that Congress will greatly improve on the Senate’s figure—and even improve the House’s approved level of \$500 million—and provide America’s students and educators the support they need and deserve.”

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