

**Joint Meeting of the Legislative Committee &
Federal Relations Network Committee**

Legislative Committee

Joy Schaefer, Chair

Joint Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 8, 2015

1:00 – 2:30 P.M.

1.	Welcome and Introductions of the Joint Meeting	Welcome & Introductions	Joy Schaefer	
2.	Reports from Board Members: - Local & State Advocacy Issues - Federal Advocacy Issues	Information & Discussion	All	10 min.
3.	Introduction of Guest Speakers	Information	John Woolums	
4.	ESEA Reauthorization Update Guest Speakers: Kathleen Branch , Director, National Advocacy Services Programs, National School Boards Association Deborah Rigsby , Director, Federal Legislation, National School Boards Association	Information & Discussion	Joy Schaefer/ All	60 min.
5.	Potential Next Steps	Discussion	Joy Schaefer	15 min.
6.	2015 Session Outcomes - Bill Signing Updates	Information, Discussion, and Action	John Woolums/ All	5 min.
7.	Adjournment	Closing Remarks	Joy Schaefer	

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NSBA Status Report:

- In early June, the Senate may consider their version of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) bill, the Every Child Achieves Act of 2015 (S. 1177), after senators return to Capitol Hill from their Memorial Day/State Work Period.
- Congress is working to pass a modernized ESEA reauthorization out of both chambers. S. 1177 was passed unanimously by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) and awaits Senate floor consideration. The Student Success Act of 2015 (H.R. 5), was reported out of the House Education and the Workforce Committee and is currently awaiting a vote on the House floor, after earlier floor debate on the bill in February.
- Please continue to contact your members of Congress to encourage continued action to modernize ESEA. This action is needed to inform members of the House and Senate as we await their action on the floor and in subsequent House-Senate conference committee negotiations to reconcile differences between the two bills.

Links to Recent NSBA Advocacy Actions on ESEA Reauthorization:

NSBA Comments on Mark-up to Every Child Achieves Act (April 13, 2015)

National School Boards Association comments prior to Committee mark-up of the Every Child Achieves Act. NSBA sent this letter on April 13, 2015 to Chairman Lamar Alexander and Ranking Member Patty Murray of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

NSBA Comments on Mark-up to Student Success Act, H.R.5 (February 10, 2015)

National School Boards Association comments prior to Committee mark-up of H.R.5, the Student Success Act. NSBA sent this letter on February 10, 2015 to Chairman John Kline and Senior Democratic Member Robert C. "Bobby" Scott of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

NSBA Statement on ESEA Reauthorization (January 14, 2015)

National School Boards Association releases its top priorities regarding the reauthorization of ESEA. This statement was issued upon the release of Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander's draft reauthorization bill and in advance of congressional hearings on ESEA reauthorization.

NSBA Comments on School Improvement Grants Proposals (October 7, 2014)

National School Boards Association Comments on Proposed Requirements – School Improvement Grants – Title 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965

Letter to Senate HELP Leadership Urging Action on ESEA (September 16, 2014)

NSBA urges Senate committee to schedule up/down vote on ESEA before Congress adjourns.

Link to: [NSBA Comparison Chart](#) regarding House and Senate ESEA bills. This chart compares current Federal law, two current bill drafts, and NSBA's position on a number of different issues within the context of ESEA.

Link to: [NSBA's Legislative Action Center](#) for a [sample message](#) and to *Take Action* to support ESEA modernization.