



Advocacy and Reauthorization Committee Work Report

August Board Meeting

August 27, 2013

Following are the top three priorities the Advocacy and Reauthorization Committee recommends to the Board of Directors as focal points for attention as reauthorization activities continue. These points were compiled from ideas and suggestions presented by association members during the committee work activity at the NASTID meeting held July 21, 2013 at the Grand Hyatt, Washington, DC.

- Changes to statute related to fiscal issues:
 1. Hold Harmless provisions that prevent LEAs with growing poverty to receive more allocation (or any allocation) due to LEAs decreasing in poverty retaining 85, 90, or 95 % from prior year
 2. Comparability (salaries vs. FTE)
 3. Increasing administrative set aside for SEAs
 4. Supplemental Educational Services (SES), i.e. eliminating it; accountability if it continues
 5. New set aside from each state's allocation (3%?) for states to grant competitive awards for innovative practices
 6. Understanding block grants (history of block granting leading to eventual elimination of funding)
- New Stories/Facebook/Twitter
 1. Hearing from: students, parents, teachers about Title I successes
 2. Featuring these stories through a variety of social media/outlets
- Data Systems Tracking – hard evidence from SLDS of Title I success in improving student outcomes as per:
 1. Identified students (in TAS)
 3. Closing the achievement gaps (in SWP)
- Reaching stakeholders to advocate for us/with us, such as other groups like NAFEP