



National Title I Association

a National Association of State Title I Directors

The **Government Relations Committee** met via conference call on September 12 at 1:00PM EDT, 12:00PM CDT, 11:00AM MDT, 10:00AM MST& PDT.

ATTENDING

Committee Members

Margo DeLaune (BIE); Gaye Leia King (BIE); Pat Kaiser (MO); Jason Harmon (NY); Sandra Grant (UT); Lynn Sodot (VA); Mary Mulloy (VT); Gayle Pauley (WA)

Association Management

Bob Harmon – CEO; Jeri Erickson – Members Services Director; Julia Martin – Brustein & Manasevit; Steve Spillan – Brustein & Manasevit; Kelly Christiansen – Brustein & Manasevit

Meeting Agenda:

1. Update on request for [input on the Association's support of Title II funding](#) (Jonas Zuckerman and Roy Stehle, Co-chairs)

After a discussion with Peter Zamora from CCSSO at the summer meeting in Washington, DC, the committee decided to issue a letter to Congressional leaders regarding the Association's support of Title II funding. A discussion page was set up for committee members to provide comments. Only 2 comments have been received to date. Additional comments were provided during the committee call. Any further comments should be sent to Bob or added to the discussion on the Government Relations Committee webpage. Bob will work with Julia to draft a one-page letter that will be sent to staff members of Congressional leaders. All comments received are listed below:

Margo DeLaune—BIE

I would point out that Title II provided the support and training needed for Title I school staff (teachers & paraprofessionals) to implement the academic interventions used in Title I schools.

Jonas Zuckerman—WI

I second Margo's point. Professional development is the key for teachers and school staff to develop new skills and implement new strategies. Title II funding is a key resource to support Title I staff and loss of this funding would significantly negatively impact Title I programs.

Mary Mulloy—VT

In Vermont Instructional coaches have been laid off due to new formula. Concerned that the decreased funds will limit opportunities for professional learning for teachers.

Jason Harmon—NY

ED's Non-Regulatory Guidance document related to Fiscal Changes and Equitable Services has language for private schools that could be used for the letter. Jason will send the information to Bob.

2. Government Relations Update (Julia Martin, Brustein & Manasevit)

- I. Congressional updates
 - a. Appropriations

- i. Temporary appropriations bill (CR) passes House and Senate
 - 1. Include Hurricane Harvey/Irma aid (\$15.2 billion)
 - 2. Funds federal government through December 8th at current levels
 - 1. Any sequestration adjustments retroactive to advance appropriations (including ED funding going out October 1)
 - 3. Raises debt ceiling through December 8th
- ii. Setting up “Cliffmas” for mid- to late-December
 - 1. Need to renegotiate appropriations, debt ceiling
 - 2. Potential negotiation over DACA?
 - 3. Potential negotiation over border wall?
- iii. Regular FY 2018 appropriations progress
 - 1. Senate Committee passed Labor-HHS-ED appropriations bill on 9/7
 - 1. Funds most programs at current levels
 - 1. Level funding for 21st Century
 - 2. Level funding for Title IIA
 - 3. Increase to Title IVA (\$50 million)
 - 4. Increase to Title I (\$25 million)
 - 2. No movement on administration’s proposed school choice programs
 - 1. Increase to Education Innovation and Research, but report specifically says ED needs permission of Congress to explore vouchers

II. Administration Updates

- a. ESSA State plan approval process
 - i. Remaining approvals for April-May submissions
 - ii. New plans to be submitted this month
 - 1. Question on waivers:
 - 1. Florida
 - 1. Subgroup accountability
 - 2. Native-language testing
 - 2. AZ, NH
 - 1. Assessment consistency
 - 2. John Kline speaks out against waivers
- b. DACA
 - i. Response to allegations that program involved executive overreach
 - 1. Threat of lawsuits from a number of States
 - ii. Will repeal program
 - 1. Will continue to renew permits (2-year renewal cycle) for anyone whose permit expires in the next 6 months
 - 2. Turns issue over to Congress, pending lawsuits
 - iii. States/districts/schools must continue to offer free public education to all students regardless of status
 - 1. ED/DOJ [2014 guidance](#) on immigration status remains in place
 - 2. Requesting information may have “chilling” effect
- c. Title IX action to come
 - i. Will see public notice and comment on existing guidance
 - ii. Likely focused on post-secondary education

III. Questions?

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3. Other

No additional business

Notes from the June 13, 2017 meeting are [available here](#).

Next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2017 at 1:00PM EDT, 12:00PM CDT, 11:00AM MDT, 10:00AM MST & PDT.