



July 22, 2015

Dear Speaker Boehner, Representative Pelosi, Senator McConnell, and Senator Reid:

The ten undersigned national education groups, representing educators, principals, school boards, superintendents, chief state school officers, state boards of education members, parents and PTAs, and school business officials appreciate your strong commitment to reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) this year.

As we stated at a joint press conference in June, America’s children, educators and parents cannot wait for a reauthorized ESEA. This bill is long overdue, and we do not have a moment to waste.

We are now closer than we have been in the last 8 years to producing a new law as both Houses of Congress have passed ESEA reauthorization proposals. However, as you are well aware, there is still more work to be done before we reach our goal.

To this end, we strongly urge you to build on the momentum generated this month around ESEA reauthorization by proceeding to conference as soon as possible.

Parents, students and educators have lived with No Child Left Behind for 14 years – more than a child’s entire K-12 experience. What better way to begin the new school year than with the passage of a new law that preserves equity and fixes what is wrong with NCLB so that we can help deliver the high-quality public education that all our children deserve and need to reach their full potential.

We stand ready to help you with this process in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

American Federation of Teachers
National Education Association
The School Superintendents Association
National Association of Secondary School Principals
Council of Chief State School Officers
Association of School Business Officials International

National Association of Elementary School Principals
National School Boards Association
National PTA
National Association of State Boards of Education

Cc: Chairman Kline, Representative Scott, Chairman Alexander, and Senator Murray

