On behalf of National PTA and our millions of members nationwide, we would like to submit the following federal funding requests for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) for key programs in the Department of Education and Department of Health. As the oldest and largest child advocacy association in America, we know that federal investments are critical to ensuring the educational success, health, and well-being of all children in our country.

In particular, we strongly urge you to provide in the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bills for FY25, without cutting funding from other education programs, at least:

- $25 million for the Statewide Family Engagement Centers grant program (ESSA Title IV-E) to foster meaningful parent and family engagement in their children’s education
- $250 million for school-based mental health supports and services, divided between the Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration (MHSP) Grant and the School-Based Mental Health Services (SBMH) Grant programs
- $1.6 billion for the Student Support and Academic Enrichment grant program under Title IV-A of ESSA to provide all students with access to a well-rounded education
- $16.3 billion for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part B, putting IDEA on a glidepath to full funding and support our nation’s students with disabilities
- $36.5 billion for Title I of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to provide all students, especially those living in low-income households with the support needed to succeed
- $2.4 billion for the Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants program, Title II, Part A of ESSA to invest in retaining and recruiting teachers, principals, and other school leaders, as well as improving their practice
- $35 million for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, $25 million for the National Institutes of Health, and $1 million for the National Institute of Justice to conduct public health research into firearm morbidity and mortality prevention
Additionally, we request that no public money be diverted to funding any private school voucher programs, including the District of Columbia private school voucher program. Unfortunately, private school choice systems have detrimental effects on our public school systems, and public dollars must remain invested in public schools for the benefit of all students and the future of our nation.

PTA has long advocated to ensure children have access to adequately funded public schools that improve their overall well-being and allow students to reach their fullest potential. Through meaningful investments which support states, districts and schools, the federal government plays a critical role in ensuring a high quality public education for every student. We strongly urge you to champion federal investments that serve our nation’s children and families, consistent with the recommendations described above. We also look forward to working with Congress to make additional investments in programs that support children and families, including investments in school infrastructure, child nutrition, juvenile justice, safety, child care, and early learning.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact our Director of Government Affairs, Kate Clabaugh, at kclabaugh@pta.org if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you to make every child’s potential a reality.