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Congress Has the Power of the Purse

Article I of the U.S. Constitution grants Congress the “power of the purse”

- Congress must approve all federal spending
- Annual appropriations
Authorization vs. Appropriations

**Authorization**: The suggested amount of money that federal law allows a program to be funded at.

**Example**: Statewide Family Engagement Centers were authorized in ESSA at $10 million.
Education Authorizing Committees

• Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee

• House Committee on Education and the Workforce

Example: Authorized $16 billion for Title I in the Student Success Act (H.R. 5)
Authorization vs. Appropriations

Appropriations: The amount of money actually provided for a program.

Example:
Statewide Family Engagement Centers did not receive funding in fiscal year 2016
Education Appropriations Subcommittee

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee (L-HHS-ED)

Example:

FY 2016: U.S. Dept. of Education funded at $68 billion

FY 2017:

• House funded U.S. Dept. of Education at $66 billion
• Senate funded U.S. Dept. of Education at $67 billion
Discretionary Programs: Programs that must have their funding renewed each year in order to continue operating.

Examples: Title I, school meals, defense, NASA, Zika
Mandatory Programs: Programs that are not considered annually and are not controlled by the annual appropriations process.

Examples: Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, student loans
The Big Picture

~$3.677 trillion in total spending

Source: CBO An Update to the Budget and Economic Outlook: 2015-2025 – August 2015
**Appropriations Timeline**

**October**
- October 1 is the start of the federal fiscal year (FY)

**January**
- Mid-January the President makes the State of the Union Address

**February**
- President submits a proposed budget to Congress
Appropriations Timeline

April
Congress sets the spending limits for the next fiscal year (Budget Resolution)

May - July
12 Appropriations bills are introduced, marked up and voted on

August
Congressional Recess
How Appropriations Bills Become Law

1. **Budget Allocations**
2. **Subcommittee**
3. **Full Committee**
4. **Floor Vote**
5. **Conference**
6. **Floor Vote**
7. **President**
September 30 : End of Fiscal Year

All 12 Appropriations bills must be passed by this date.

What if that does **NOT** happen?

- **Continuing Resolution (CR):** continue funding government programs at last year’s amount.
- **Omnibus:** incorporates all 12 appropriations bills into one bill.
Appropriations Definitions

**Formula Funding:** noncompetitive funding from the federal government to states and school districts based on a predetermined formula.

**Competitive Grants:** federal funding that states, school districts or a consortia can apply for based on a specific criteria.

**Block Grants:** federal funding (given in one large sum) to states and school districts to be used more generally, rather than for specific programs.
National PTA's Funding Priorities in L-HHS-ED Appropriations Bill

Title I

Statewide Family Engagement Centers (SFECs)

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Parent Information and Training Centers (PTIs)

Student Support & Academic Enrichment Grants (Title IV-A)
Title I

• Goal is to improve academic achievement for disadvantaged students

• Title I serves 56,000 public schools and 20 million children

• Title I-A funds are for school districts based on the number of low-income students in each school
Parent and Family Engagement

- School districts must reserve at least 1% of Title I-A funds for family engagement

- Use of funds for family engagement:
  - professional development
  - home and community programs
  - sharing best practices
  - collaborating with organizations
  - activities that support a school district’s family engagement policy
Statewide Family Engagement Centers (SFECs)

- Title IV, Part E in ESSA
- Reauthorized and improved PIRC program
- Competitive grant program for statewide organizations or a consortia
- Provides direct services, capacity building and professional development for family engagement
- Authorized at $10 million in ESSA
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

• Main federal program authorizing state and local aid for special education and related services

• IDEA serves over 6.5 million students (13% of public school students)

• Federal government promised to cover 40% of cost
Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIs)

• PTIs support family engagement for students with disabilities

• There are more than 100 PTIs nationwide serving more than 17 million parents and families

• PTIs help parents navigate federal, state and local special education laws
Student Support & Academic Enrichment Grant

• New flexible block grant in Title IV, Part A in ESSA
• Increase school capacity to provide all students with:
  • Well-rounded educational opportunities
  • Foster safe, healthy, supportive and drug-free environments
  • Increase access to personalized learning opportunities using technology
# National PTA's Annual Funding Priorities in L-HHS-ED Appropriations Bill

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Funding Levels for Family Engagement Centers
FY 2000-2016

$44,000,000
$42,000,000
$40,000,000
$38,000,000
$36,000,000
$34,000,000
$32,000,000
$30,000,000


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FY 2017 Appropriations Update

• Deadline to fund the government just passed

• Congress passed a CR until December 9

• After December 9, new funding opportunities may be available through an omnibus
Advocating for Appropriations

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Questions?
Save the Date

What: 2017 National PTA LegCon
When: March 7-9
Where: Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA

2017 Advocacy Award Applications
Due Date: December 18, 2016
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