



## **American School Counselor Association Endorses Every Student Succeeds Act**

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**ALEXANDRIA, VA** – The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) has announced its support for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), a bill to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This bipartisan legislation includes numerous provisions that will allow states and school districts to expand their school counseling programs to ensure all students have the skills necessary to graduate from high school college and career ready.

“ASCA applauds the leadership of Representatives Kline and Scott and Senators Alexander and Murray in making ESEA reauthorization a priority and rolling up their sleeves and getting it to a place where it can realistically cross the finish line,” said Kwok-Sze Wong, Ed.D., ASCA executive director. “We commend the House of Representatives for passing the measure with resounding bipartisan support.”

ASCA is pleased that the bill goes beyond just the specifics of classroom instruction and school leadership by addressing the necessity of academic counseling, career counseling and safe and healthy school environments.

### **About ASCA**

ASCA supports school counselors’ efforts to help students focus on academic, personal/social and career development so they achieve success in school and are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society. ASCA

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