

TITLE IV-A COALITION

May 6, 2025

Dear Chair Capito, Ranking Member Baldwin, Chair Aderholt, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

On behalf of the 200+ undersigned national, state, and local organizations, we urge Congress to provide \$1.6 billion in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Student Support and Academic Enrichment grant program, known as Title IV-A, authorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act. This bipartisan flexible block grant supports investments in safe and healthy students, well-rounded education programs, and the effective use of technology in education.

Robust and steady funding for Title IV-A helps ensure districts are able to provide a full array of services and learning opportunities that support the whole child and improves academic success for all students. As a formula-based program focused on the flexible, locally-determined use of funds, the grant ensures that a large number of geographically and socioeconomically diverse districts have resources they can direct in a manner that best addresses their particular needs. Title IV-A has continuously maintained bipartisan support in part because of the flexibility it affords states and districts to implement programming tailored to their community.

Our 2024 survey of over 850 districts across the nation shows that 85% of district leaders greatly appreciate the program's flexibility. To that point, when asked about how districts invested in the many allowable uses, districts selected a wide-range of activities including, but not limited to: funding STEM and computer science programs, career and technical education, music and the arts, International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement courses (IB and AP), physical education, health and wellness, professional development for use of educational technology, violence prevention, behavioral and mental health supports and much more. Survey data also reveals that without increased funding, the expansion of existing programs and creation of new programs would not be possible.

Title IV-A funding has long been the funding stream to support many of the activities districts have been using Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) dollars to support. With ESSER funds fully spent and inflationary pressures persisting, districts are looking to continue investing in programs that made a difference in closing achievement gaps, including high-dosage tutoring, afterschool and summer enrichment programs, and mentoring for at-risk students. When asked about whether districts would have to scale back these programs, hundreds of districts responded that Title IV-A would help mitigate the funding cuts and called for more Title IV-A funding.

This federal investment is absolutely essential to supporting comprehensive student needs, ensuring a safe and healthy school environment, and increasing access to a well-rounded education necessary for students to thrive in a modern society and workforce. For these reasons, we urge Congress to continue its bipartisan investment in the Title IV-A program by funding it at its fully authorized level of \$1.6 billion in FY 2026. Furthermore, Congress must ensure that this funding is disbursed by the administration with fidelity and adherence to the laws which Congress has passed.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to working with you to ensure these investments continue to support districts, educators, and students in a manner tailored to their unique needs.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

Advance CTE
Alfred Music
All4Ed
American Federation of School Administrators
American Heart Association
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Orff-Schulwerk Association
American Psychological Association
American School Counselor Association
Americans for the Arts
Animado Events
Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents
Association of Performing Arts Professionals (APAP)
Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO)
A. Cuthbertson Consulting
Breakthrough Collaborative
CASEL
Chorus America
CMA Foundation
Cold Narly Music Academy
Coalition for Community Schools
Committee for Children
Conn Selmer
Council for Exceptional Children
Council of Administrators of Special Education

Drum Corps International
Early Music America
EDGE Consulting Partners
EdTrust
Education Reform Now
Educational Theatre Association
edWeb.net
El Sistema USA
Feierabend Association for Music Education
Give A Note Foundation
Gordon Institute for Music Learning
Hip-Hop Education Center
Institute for Arts Integration and STEAM
Institute for Educational Leadership
J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.
Jazz at Lincoln Center
Kindermusik, Int'l
League of American Orchestras
Learning Agenda
Let Music Fill My World
Local Learning: The National Network for Folk Arts in Education
MakeMusic, Inc.
Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation
Music and the Brain-Building for the Arts
Music Publishers Association of the United States
Music Teacher Guild
Music Teachers National Association
Music Travel Consultants
Music Will
Music Workshop
National Art Education Association
National Association for College Admission Counseling
National Association for Media Arts Education
National Association for Music Education
National Association of Elementary School Principals
National Association of Music Merchants
National Association of School Nurses
National Association of School Psychologists

National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)
National Education Association
National Center for Learning Disabilities
National Concerts
National Council for the Social Studies
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
National Dance Education Organization
National Earth Science Teachers Association
National Federation of State High School Associations
National Music Council of the United States
National Partnership for Juvenile Services
National PTA
National Science Teaching Association
National Summer Learning Association
New Harmony Line
OPERA America
Opera on Tap
Organization of American Kodaly Educators
Percussive Arts Society
Play Drums Foundation
Recording Academy
Save The Music Foundation
School Social Work Association of America
SchoolHouse Connection
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators
Student Association for STEM Advocacy
Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children
Theatre Communications Group
Young Audiences, Inc.

State Organizations

Alabama

Alabama Association of School Psychologists
Alabama Music Educators Association

Arizona

Arizona Science Teachers Association

Arkansas

Arkansas Music Educators Association

California

California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

California Association of Science Educators (CASE)

California Music Educators Association

Chorus Eclectic

Los Angeles Unified School District

Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera

Western Justice Center

Colorado

CAST

Colorado Association of Science Teachers

Creative West (formerly Western States Arts Federation)

Society for Health and Physical Education Educators, Colorado

Connecticut

Connecticut Music Educators Association

Connecticut Association of School Psychologists

Delaware

Delaware Association of School Psychologists (DASP)

District of Columbia

DC Music Education Association

Social Art and Culture

Florida

Florida Music Education Association

SHAPE Florida

Georgia

Georgia Art Education Association

Georgia Art Education Association- GAEA

Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

Georgia Music Educators Association

Hawaii

Hawai'i Music Educators Association

Hawai'i Youth Symphony

Idaho

Idaho Music Educators Association

SHAPE Idaho

Illinois

Hinsdale Chorale

Illinois Science Teaching Association

Illinois Science Teaching Association

Indiana

Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, Inc

Indiana Arts Education Network

Indiana Music Education Association

Kansas

KAHPERD (Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance)

Kansas Music Educators Association

Kentucky

Kentucky Music Educators Association

Kentucky SHAPE

Louisiana

Louisiana Music Educators Association

Maine

Maine Art Education Association

Maine Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

Maine Music Educators Association

Maine Science Teachers Association

Maryland

Arts Education in Maryland Schools (AEMS)

Hope in Harmony

Maryland Alliance for Racial Equity in Education - MAREE

Maryland Music Educators Association

Massachusetts

Boston Music Project

Massachusetts Music Educators Association

Springfield Symphony Orchestra

Michigan

Michigan Music Education Association

Michigan Science Teachers Association

S.H.A.P.E. Michigan

Minnesota

Minnesota Music Educators Association

Minnesota School Psychologist Association

Minnesota Society of Health and Physical Educators (MNSHAPE)

Mississippi

Mississippi Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (MAHPERD)

Mississippi Science Teaching Association

Missouri

Missouri Alliance for Arts Education

Missouri Music Educators Association

Missouri Society of Health and Physical Educators

Montana

Montana Music Educators Association

SHAPE Montana

Nebraska

Nebraska Music Education Association

SHAPE Nebraska

Nevada

Nevada Music Educators Association
SHAPE NV

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Music Educators Association

New Jersey

Arts Ed NJ
New Jersey Music Educators Association
Rhythm and Blues Preservation Society

New Mexico

New Mexico Association of School Psychologists
New Mexico Music Educators Association
SHAPE New Mexico

New York

Musica Sacra of New York, Inc
New York Association of School Psychologists
New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance
New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA)
NYC Arts in Education Roundtable
Rural Schools Association of New York
Tri-Cities Opera Company, Inc.

North Carolina

Arts North Carolina
Concert Singers of Cary
NC Science Leadership Association
North Carolina Music Educators Association

North Dakota

North Dakota Music Educators Association

Ohio

Dayton Performing Arts Alliance
Ohio Music Education Association

Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
Science Education Council of Ohio

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Music Educators Association
Tulsa Opera

Oregon

Oregon Music Education Association
Oregon School Psychologists Association
Oregon SHAPE

Pennsylvania

Association of School Psychologists of Pennsylvania (ASPP)
Bach Choir of Bethlehem
Mosaic Youth Chorus
Pennsylvania Music Educators Association
Pennsylvania Science Teachers' Association
SHAPE PA

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Music Education Association
Rhode Island Science Teachers Association

South Carolina

Arts in Basic Curriculum Institute
South Carolina Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (SCAHPERD)
South Carolina Music Educators Association

South Dakota

SHAPE South Dakota
South Dakota Music Education Association
South Dakota Music Education Association
South Dakota Science Teaching Association

Tennessee

Tennessee Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
Tapestry Singers

Tennessee Art Education Association

Texas

Science Teachers Association of Texas

Texas Association of School Psychologists

Utah

SHAPE Utah

Utah Music Educators Association

Vermont

Vermont Arts Council

Vermont Music Educators Association

Virginia

Virginia Music Educators Association

Washington

Washington Music Educators Association

SHAPE Washington

West Virginia

West Virginia Music Educators Association

SHAPEWV

Wisconsin

The Florentine Opera

Wisconsin Health and Physical Education (WHPE)

Wisconsin Music Educators Association

Wisconsin School Psychologists Association

Wyoming

Wyoming Music Educators Association

Wyoming School Psychology Association