

# TITLE IV-A COALITION

May 10, 2024

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

On behalf of the 180+ undersigned national, state, and local organizations, we urge Congress to provide \$1.6 billion in Fiscal Year 2025 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 based on the specific needs of their school community.

Our 2023 survey of over 600 districts across the nation shows that, like Congress, district leaders also 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, music and the arts, environmental education, 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 ESSER dollars to support. Increased funding for Title IV-A will be especially critical as ESSER funds dry up, inflationary pressures persist, and districts look to continue these critical programs.

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 fund the Title IV-A flexible grant program at \$1.6 billion in FY 2025.

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:**

Afterschool Alliance	Educational Theatre Association
Alfred Publishing, LLC	El Sistema USA
All4Ed	Feierabend Association for Music Education (FAME)
American Atheists	Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)
American Camp Association	GIA Publications, Inc.
A. Cuthbertson Consulting	Girlstart
American Federation of School Administrators	GLSEN
American Heart Association	Gordon Institute for Music Learning
American Library Association	HBCU National Band and Orchestra Directors' Consortium
American Occupational Therapy Association	Higher Education Consortium for Special Education
American Orff-Schulwerk Association	Horizons National
American Psychological Association	Institute for Educational Leadership
American School Counselor Association	International Baccalaureate
American String Teachers Association	Jazz at Lincoln Center
Americans for the Arts	JazzSLAM
Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO)	Kindermusik International
CASEL	League of American Orchestras
Chiefs for Change	Learning Disabilities Association of America
CMA Foundation	Macie Publishing Company
Coalition for Community Schools	MakeMusic, Inc.
Committee for Children	Mass Insight Education and Research
Conn Selmer	MENTOR
Council for Exceptional Children	Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation
Council of Administrators of Special Education	Music and the Brain
Educational Theatre Associate	Music ConstructED

Music Teachers National Association  
Music Travel Consultants  
Music Will  
National Afterschool Association  
National Alliance for Public Charter Schools  
National Art Education Association (NAEA)  
National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)  
National Association for Music Education  
National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM)  
National Association of School Nurses  
National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)  
National Center for Learning Disabilities  
National Coalition on School Diversity  
National Concerts  
National Council for the Social Studies  
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics  
National Dance Education Organization  
National Guild for Community Arts Education  
National Music Council of the United States  
National Performance Network  
National PTA  
National Rural Education Association  
National Science Teaching Association  
National Summer Learning Association  
New Harmony Line  
Opera on Tap  
Organization of American Kodaly Educators  
Outward Bound USA  
Playground Opera  
Percussive Arts Society  
Quadrant Research  
QuaverEd  
Playground Opera  
Sandy Hook Promise  
Save The Music Foundation  
Servant Leadership Association for Music  
School Social Work Association of America  
School-Based Health Alliance  
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators  
Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children (TED)  
Teachrock.org  
The Education Trust

Theatre Communications Group  
U.S. Soccer Foundation  
Wurrly, LLC  
Young Audiences, Inc.

**State and Local Organizations:**

Alabama Music Education Association  
Arizona Dance Education Organization  
Arkansas Music Educators Association  
California Music Educators Association  
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Los Angeles Unified School District, California  
Colorado Music Educators Association  
Connecticut Music Educators Association  
Delaware Music Educators Association  
DC Music Education Association  
Florida Music Education Association  
Florida School Counselor Association  
Georgia Music Educators Association  
Georgia School Counselor Association  
Hawai'i Music Educators Association  
Hawaii Youth Symphony  
Idaho Music Educators Association Inc.  
Illinois School Counselor Association  
Indiana Music Education Association  
Indiana School Counselor Association  
Kentucky Music Educators Association  
Louisiana Music Educators Association  
Maine Music Educators Association  
Arts Education in Maryland Schools (AEMS)  
Maryland Music Educators Association  
Maryland School Counselor Association  
Massachusetts Music Educators Association  
Springfield Symphony Orchestra  
Sankofa Songs! Inc.  
Michigan Music Education Association  
Michigan School Counselor Association  
Minnesota Music Educators Association  
Minnesota School Counselor Association  
University of Minnesota  
Jackson Public Schools, Mississippi  
Missouri Music Educators Association  
Missouri School Counselor Association  
Montana MEA

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Montana School Counselor Association  
Nebraska Music Education Association  
Nevada Music Educators Association  
New Hampshire Music Educators Association  
New Mexico Music Educators Association  
New Jersey Music Educators Association  
The Rhythm and Blues Preservation Society, New Jersey  
New Mexico Music Educators Association  
NMSCA  
Education Through Music  
New York State School Counselor Association  
NYSSMA  
City Lore  
Arts North Carolina  
NC Thespians  
NC-ASTA  
NCDEO  
North Carolina Bandmasters Association  
North Carolina Music Educators Association  
North Carolina Theatre Conference  
Ohio Music Education Association  
Ohio School Counselor Association  
Oklahoma Music Educators Association  
OkMEA  
Oregon Music Education Association  
PA School Counselors Association  
Pennsylvania Music Educators Association  
Rhode Island Music Education Association  
South Carolina Music Educators Association  
South Dakota Music Education Association  
Tennessee Art Education Association  
Tennessee School Counselor Association  
Rutherford County Schools, Tennessee  
Lone Star State School Counselor Association  
Utah Music Educator Association  
Vermont Arts Council  
U.S. Virgin Islands School Counselor Association  
Virginia Music Educators Association  
Virginia School Counselor Association (VSCA)  
Inspire Washington  
Washington Music Educators Association  
Washington School Counselor Association  
West Virginia Music Educators Association

West Virginia School Counselors Association  
Western States Arts Federation | WESTAF  
Wisconsin Music Educators Association  
Wyoming Music Educators Association