



March 17, 2016

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chair, Appropriations
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education
and Related Agencies
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member, Appropriations
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education
and Related Agencies
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, and
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, and
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Blunt, Ranking Member Murray, Chairman Cole, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As the national, state, and local organizations advocating on behalf of the 110,000 principals, assistant principals, school leaders, and school administrators across the country, we respectfully request that you address a critical funding concern related to the use of federal funds for ongoing support of our nation's instructional leaders.

Specifically, we would like to bring your attention to the School Leader Recruitment and Support program (SLRSP), which is the successor to the School Leadership program, and the only federal education program specifically for principals, assistant principals, and other school leaders. The SLRSP is also the only federal initiative that directly supports the recruitment, preparation, placement, support, and retention of effective principals and other school leaders in high-need schools. It is important to note that this program was authorized under Section 2243 of the Every Student Succeeds Act. **We ask that you work to secure no less than \$30 million for FY2017.**

Research conducted by The Wallace Foundation has shown that effective school leadership is second only to direct classroom instruction as a key contributing factor to raising student achievement, and can have an even greater impact in schools with the greatest need. Principals are not only operational leaders responsible for establishing a safe, supportive, and personalized school environment; they are also instructional leaders, providing ongoing coaching and mentoring to teachers and students. Despite their critical role, the New Teacher Center recently found that only 20 states offer any kind of induction or mentoring program for new principals, and in just six states does that support continue into the second year.



We ask that you support \$30 million in funding for the SLRSP now so that all principals and school leaders are provided with high-quality professional learning and development activities to improve instructional leadership practice. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will impact the lives of the more than 50 million students in our nation's public schools.

Sincerely,

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- AK** Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals
- AL** Alabama Association of Elementary School Administrators
- AL** Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals
- AR** Arkansas Association of Elementary School Principals
- AR** Arkansas Association of Secondary School Principals
- AZ** Arizona School Administrators, Inc.
- CA** Association of California School Administrators
- CA** California Federation of School Administrators
- CA** Union of Berkeley Administrators
- CA** United Administrators of Oakland Schools
- CA** United Administrators of San Francisco
- CA** United Administrators of San Francisco, Emeritus
- CO** Colorado Association of Secondary School Principals
- CO** Colorado Association of Elementary School Principals
- CT** Administrators Union RSD 11
- CT** Ansonia Administrators Organization
- CT** Association of Hamden Public Schools Administrators
- CT** Association of Madison Administrators
- CT** Bethel Administrators Association



- CT Bloomfield Administrators Association
- CT Branford Administrators Organization
- CT Bridgeport Council of Administrators & Supervisors
- CT Bristol Association of Principals and Supervisors
- CT Cheshire Administrative Personnel
- CT Clinton Administrators Association
- CT Columbia Association of School Administrators
- CT Connecticut Association of Schools, Inc.
- CT Connecticut Federation of School Administrators
- CT Connecticut Vocational-Technical School Administrators Association
- CT Coventry Administration Association
- CT Cromwell Administrators Association
- CT East Haddam Administrators
- CT East Hampton School Administrators Association
- CT East Hartford Education Administrators & Supervisory Unit
- CT Easton Intermediate Administrators Association
- CT Educational Administrators of Wallingford
- CT Griswold Administrators Association
- CT Hartford Educational Support Personnel
- CT Hartford Support Supervisors Association
- CT Manchester School Administrators Association
- CT Milford Association of School Administrators
- CT New Britain Association of Administrators, Supervisors & Dir.
- CT New Fairfield Administrator's Association
- CT New Milford Administrators Association
- CT Newtown Association of School Administrators
- CT North Haven Administrators Association
- CT North Stonington Administrators
- CT Norwalk Public Schools - ESG
- CT Norwich School Administrators Association

- CT** Portland Association of School Administrators
- CT** Putnam Administrators' Association
- CT** Region 16 Administrators' Association
- CT** Region One Federation of School Administrators
- CT** School Administrators Association of New Haven
- CT** School Administrators of Waterbury (S.A.W.)
- CT** Shelton Administrative Council
- CT** South Windsor Administrators Association (SWAA)
- CT** Southington Administrators Association
- CT** The Hartford Principals' and Supervisors' Association
- CT** Thompson Association of School Administrators
- CT** Torrington Public School Administrators Association (TPSAA)
- CT** United Federation of Technicians
- CT** Watertown Administrators Group
- CT** Woodbridge Board of Education
- DC** District of Columbia Association of Secondary School Principals
- DC** District of Columbia Association of Elementary School Principals
- DC** Council of School Officers
- DE** Delaware Association of School Administrators
- FL** Florida Association of School Administrators
- GA** Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals
- IA** School Administrators of Iowa
- ID** Idaho Association of School Administrators
- IL** Chicago Principals' Association
- IL** Illinois Principals Association
- IN** Indiana Association of School Principals
- KS** Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals
- KS** Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals
- KY** Kentucky Association of Elementary School Principals
- KY** Kentucky Association of Secondary School Principals



- LA** Louisiana Association of Principals
- LA** Professional Administrators of New Orleans Public Schools, Inc.
- MA** Boston Association of School Administrators & Supervisors
- MA** Massachusetts Secondary School Administrator Association
- MA** Massachusetts Elementary School Principals' Association
- MD** Association of Supervisory & Adm. School Personnel of Prince George's County
- MD** Calvert Association of Supervisors and Administrators
- MD** Howard County Administrators Association
- MD** Kent County Administrative and Supervisory Association
- MD** Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals
- MD** Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals
- MD** Public School Administrators & Supervisors Association of Baltimore City
- MD** Queen Anne's County Administrators and Supervisors Association
- ME** Association of Bangor School Administrators, AFSA
- ME** Auburn School Administrators' Association
- ME** Lewiston Administrators Association
- ME** Maine Principals' Association
- MI** Airport-Michigan Federation of School Administrators
- MI** Association of Dearborn School Administrators
- MI** East Detroit School Administrators Association
- MI** Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) Administrators Assc.
- MI** Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals
- MI** Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association
- MI** Monroe County, ISD
- MI** Monroe Federation of School Administrators
- MI** Organization of School Administrators & Supervisors
- MI** Southgate Principals and Supervisors Association
- MI** Taylor Principals Association
- MI** Woodhaven Administrators Association
- MI** Wyandotte Administrators Association



- MN** Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association
- MO** Administrators Association of the St. Louis Public Schools
- MO** Administrators Association of the St. Louis Public Schools, Retiree Chapter
- MO** Missouri Association of Elementary School Principals
- MO** Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals
- MS** Mississippi Association of Secondary School Principals
- MT** Montana Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals
- MT** Montana Association of Secondary School Principals
- NC** North Carolina Principals and Assistant Principals Association
- ND** North Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals
- ND** North Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals
- NE** Nebraska Council of School Administrators
- NH** Exeter Area Administrators Association
- NH** New Hampshire Association of School Principals
- NJ** New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association
- NJ** City Association of Supervisors and Administrators
- NM** New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals
- NM** New Mexico Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals
- NV** Nevada Association of School Administrators
- NY** School Administrators Association of New York State
- NY** New York State Federation of School Administrators
- NY** Council of School Supervisors and Administrators
- NY** Retired School Supervisors and Administrators of the City of NY
- NY** Yonkers Council of Administrators
- NY** Federation of New York State Retired School Administrators
- NY** Buffalo Council of Supervisors & Administrators
- OH** Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators
- OH** Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators
- OK** Oklahoma Association of Elementary School Principals
- OK** Oklahoma Association of Secondary School Principals



- OK** Oklahoma City Administrators
- OR** Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA)
- OR** Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators
- PA** Pennsylvania Principals Association
- RI** Rhode Island Association of School Principals
- SC** South Carolina Association of School Administrators
- SD** School Administrators of South Dakota
- SD** South Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals
- SD** South Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals
- TN** Tennessee Association of Secondary School Principals
- TN** Tennessee Principals Association
- TX** Texas Association of Secondary School Principals
- TX** Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association
- UT** Utah Association of Secondary School Principals
- VA** Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals
- VT** Vermont Principals' Association
- WA** Association of Washington School Principals
- WI** Association of Wisconsin School Administrators
- WV** West Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals
- WY** Wyoming Association of Secondary School Principals