

NEA Federal and State Legislative Update

A weekly review of progress on the Quality Public Schools Agenda and other legislation that impacts our students, classrooms and public education.

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Tell Congress to Give Schools and Students the Resources Necessary for Success

Congress has completed work on the Congressional Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2008—the blueprint for how funds will be spent in the coming year. Now, the House and Senate turn to the appropriations bills that will direct specific funds to individual programs.

Earlier this year, Congress took the first essential steps toward restoring education cuts and freezes enacted over the last half dozen years by increasing funding for the current fiscal year. Unfortunately, too many students still are not receiving the tools and help they need to succeed. Additional investments in proven programs such as Title I and IDEA special education as well as higher education programs such as Pell Grants are essential if we are to fulfill every child's right to a great public school.

Action Needed: Tell your representatives in congress and Sens. Bond and McCaskill to continue on the right path by increasing funding for critical education programs.

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GPO/WEP Cosponsors Top 300!

The House version of the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82), which would repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision, has jumped to [303 bipartisan cosponsors](#); the Senate version (S. 206) now boasts [30 bipartisan supporters](#).

Missouri co-sponsors include Reps. Wm. Lacy Clay (D 1st), Russ Carnahan (D 3rd), Emanuel Cleaver (D 5th), Sam Graves (R 6th), Roy Blunt (R 7th), Jo Ann Emerson (R 8th) and Sen. Claire McCaskill. Thanks for the great work in building support for this critical legislation.

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