

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: Send NCLB Back to the Drawing Board, and Get it Right

On Monday, NEA President Reg Weaver told the House Committee on Education and Labor that NEA could not support the draft of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act/No Child Left Behind (ESEA/NCLB) released last week:

- ? It undermines educators' rights to bargain local contracts;
- ? Includes a "pay-for-performance" plan that NEA cannot support;
- ? Continues to define students and schools by high stakes standardized tests; and
- ? Fails to ensure the tools and resources needed to provide great public schools for every child.

NEA believes that Congress should slow down, talk with educators about pressing needs, and commit to making the necessary changes. Getting ESEA/NCLB right this time will take more than just minor adjustments.

Action Needed: Send a Message to Congress Today!

Tell your Representatives in Congress to oppose imposing test-based pay programs on teachers without their agreement. <http://capwiz.com/nea/issues/alert/?alertid=10277076&type=CO>

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