

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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No More Voucher Programs

President Bush's fiscal year 2009 budget request asks Congress to:

- Create a \$300 million national voucher program with the misleading name "Pell Grants for Kids."
- Convert a successful community grant program to an individual voucher program called "21st Century Opportunity Scholarships."
- Extend the expensive, unproven District of Columbia "Opportunity Scholarship Program" scheduled to end this September.

Action needed: Contact your representatives in Congress today! Urge your elected representatives to reject all three of the President's voucher proposals and end voucher programs.

Help elect and support Members of Congress who will stand up for students and public education, who understand the value of teachers and education support professionals. Raise your voice.

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