



Coalition for Community Schools 117th Congress Federal Policy Agenda

Increase Funding for Key Programs and Initiatives that Support Community Schools and Children and Youth:

- Full-Service Community Schools Program, including increased funding for technical assistance as well as evaluation to measure the impact of community schools and grow the evidence base.
- Titles I, II and Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant of the Every Student Succeeds Act, IDEA Part B (state grants), Promise Neighborhoods Program, Statewide Family Engagement Centers, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, increased funding for the E-rate program for broadband

Advance Whole-Child Policies that Address the Immediate Needs Exacerbated by the Pandemic and that Shape a New Vision for Education:

- Emergency relief to schools to address the immediate and ongoing needs caused by the Coronavirus. Inclusion of community schools as a targeted use of funds.
- Co-sponsor/support the Full-Service Community Schools Expansion Act of 2020 (S. 4865 from 116th Congress and to be reintroduced this Congress) which awards 5-year grants to implement and expand full-service community schools at the district and state levels.
- Co-sponsor/support the DIPLOMA Act (H.R. 6106/S. 3405), which awards 5-year grants to states and local consortia to develop and implement a child and youth strategy that assesses children's needs and assets within the state/community that can be mobilized, coordinated, and integrated to achieve progress toward a broad set of results for children and youth.
- Legislation that promotes the social and emotional well-being of all students and increases mental health supports and supports for trauma-informed care.

Drive Efficiency and Innovation to Improve Student Learning and Close Opportunity Gaps

- Establish a White House Office of Children and Youth within the Domestic Policy Council to elevate the needs of children, youth and their families and to align and integrate relevant federal funding, programs, and strategies across agencies that impact children's well-being
- Establish a White House Office of Rural Affairs within the Domestic Policy Council to focus on the unique needs of rural communities, including in education.



- Create flexibility in blending and braiding federal funding for children and youth across relevant federal agencies through waivers and/or pilot programs.