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An Update to County Superintendents of Schools

Monday, November 9th, 2015

Push for ESEA Reauthorization

Republican Members of Congress Dave Reichert (Washington) and Greg Walden (Oregon) are circulating a 'Dear Colleague' letter, intended to be signed by **House Republicans only**, that will be sent to the 'Big Four' (House and Senate Education Committee leaders)-- the ones currently engaged in the ESEA conference negotiations.

The goal is to collect the signatures of as many Republican Representatives as possible. There appears to be a meaningful opportunity to enact ESEA Reauthorization this year and a clear statement from House Republicans would greatly increase the chances of moving the issue forward.

The Dear Colleague letter has been provided to us by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) and is attached [here](#). We have been informed that House Committee staff have seen and approved this letter.

We ask that you reach out to any Republican Member of Congress who represents your county and urge him or her to sign the letter.

The letter is scheduled to be sent on Monday November 16, so it is important that Republican members of the House be contacted this week.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Amanda Dickey at adickey@ccsesa.org.

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