



April 28, 2014

The Honorable Tom Harkin  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education  
& Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
132 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education  
& Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
156 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Moran,

As the national and state organizations advocating on behalf of the 95,000 principals, assistant principals, school leaders and school administrators across the country, we respectfully request that you address a critical need related to on-going support for these instructional leaders. Specifically, our organizations are asking for language to amend Title II, Part A, Sec. 2123 (a) of ESEA to increase support for the professional learning and development of the nation's elementary, middle level and high school principals in the FY 2015 Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

Research has shown that effective school leadership is second only to direct classroom instruction as a key contributing factor to raising student achievement. However, a 2013 report from the U.S. Department of Education on "The Use of Funds Under Title II," or Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), shows that only 4 percent of federal dollars are spent on principal professional development. This is extremely troubling, because Title II acts as the primary federal program to improve educator performance. As the roles and responsibilities of school leaders continue to expand, principals must be afforded additional opportunities for professional learning and growth as they work to improve teaching and learning in all schools.

Principals are not only operational leaders responsible for establishing a safe, supportive and personalized school environment, they are also instructional leaders, providing on-going coaching and mentoring to teachers and students. Furthermore, there are a multitude of additional demands placed on principals as a result of increased federal, state and local regulations concerning a variety of new reform initiatives in schools, such as the implementation of college and career-ready standards and new teacher evaluation systems, school improvement models, and accountability requirements.

To help build the capacity of principals, and provide them with the timely support they need now, we are requesting that the FY 2015 Senate Labor, HHS, Education appropriations bill include language that requires local education agencies receiving Title II funds from ESEA to allocate no less than 10 percent of the total funds available for professional development for pre-k, elementary, middle level and high school principals to improve instructional leadership.

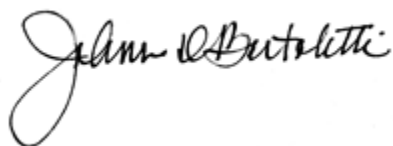
We ask that you support this provision to ensure that all principals and school leaders are provided with high-quality professional learning and development activities to improve instructional leadership practice. Thank you for your consideration of our request, which will ultimately help improve the educational experience of each student.



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Alabama Association of Elementary School Administrators  
Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals

**Alaska**

Alaska Association of Elementary School Principals  
Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals

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Arizona School Administrators

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Arkansas Association of Secondary School Principals

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Association of California School Administrators

California Federation of School Administrators

United Administrators of Oakland Schools

United Administrators of San Francisco

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**Wyoming**

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Wyoming Association of Secondary School Principals