

## Funding for Education

Increase the federal investment in public education to fully fund the implementation of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Support adequate funding for safe and drug-free school initiatives.

Support reform of formula funding disparities as identified by the General Accounting Office report of January, 2002, which hinder funds from reaching the nation's poorest students.

Support legislative efforts to require corrective sampling of flawed 2000 Census data to account for an estimated population undercount of at least 1.9% in Miami-Dade County.

## No Child Left Behind Act

Modify the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 to:

recognize student progress in lieu of the current all-or-nothing approach and recognize degrees of progress for schools;

ensure fair accountability by providing flexibility for special education and limited English proficient (LEP) students and other formula adjustments, and by requiring identical tests for Title I students in non-public schools;

ensure standards are meaningful by developing uniform benchmarks of proficiency for all states to use;

reward and retain quality teachers by supporting measures that raise pay for teachers in fields with shortages and in high-needs communities; that create career ladder paths; and that assist with rising housing costs; and

allow districts to pay for marketing, monitoring, and other implementation costs of the Supplemental Education Services out of the required 20% set-aside and ensure that public schools are not unfairly prevented from providing remedial services to students.

## Immigration Impact

Address the impact of federal immigration policies on local school district funds by supporting the Entrant and Refugee Assistance Program under the Targeted Assistance and Immigrant Education appropriation serving foreign-born, limited English proficient (LEP) students and their families.

## School Construction

Support long-term extension of the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) program, which provides for interest free loans to be secured by eligible school districts, and modify program to permit school construction and land acquisition.

## Secondary Education Reform

Support continued and additional funding for secondary education reform including themed, career path-based academies and smaller learning communities.

## Technology in Schools

Support continued annual allocations of \$2.25 billion for the Universal Service Fund Program (E-Rate) and streamline refund procedures to provide schools and libraries with affordable access to state-of-the-art networking and telecommunications technology.

## Workforce Preparation

Enhance funding and effectiveness of public vocational training, adult education, family literacy, and career academy programs through improved coordination with partner agencies under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) legislation.



# Legislative Issues

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## Mission and Goal Statement

Provide the highest quality education so that all of our students are empowered to lead productive and fulfilling lives as lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

As the 43rd President and the 110th Congress enter their first congressional session together, we urge the President and Congress to reaffirm their commitment to our nation's children by reinvesting in public education.

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