

Federal Education Policy Update

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What We're Working on in 2024

Annual Appropriations

Connectivity & Cyber & AI (Oh my!)

Student/Child Data & Privacy

Medicaid

School Nutrition

IDEA Full Funding

Teacher Recruitment/Retention

Whole Child

Data Collection

- **Specific Legislation**

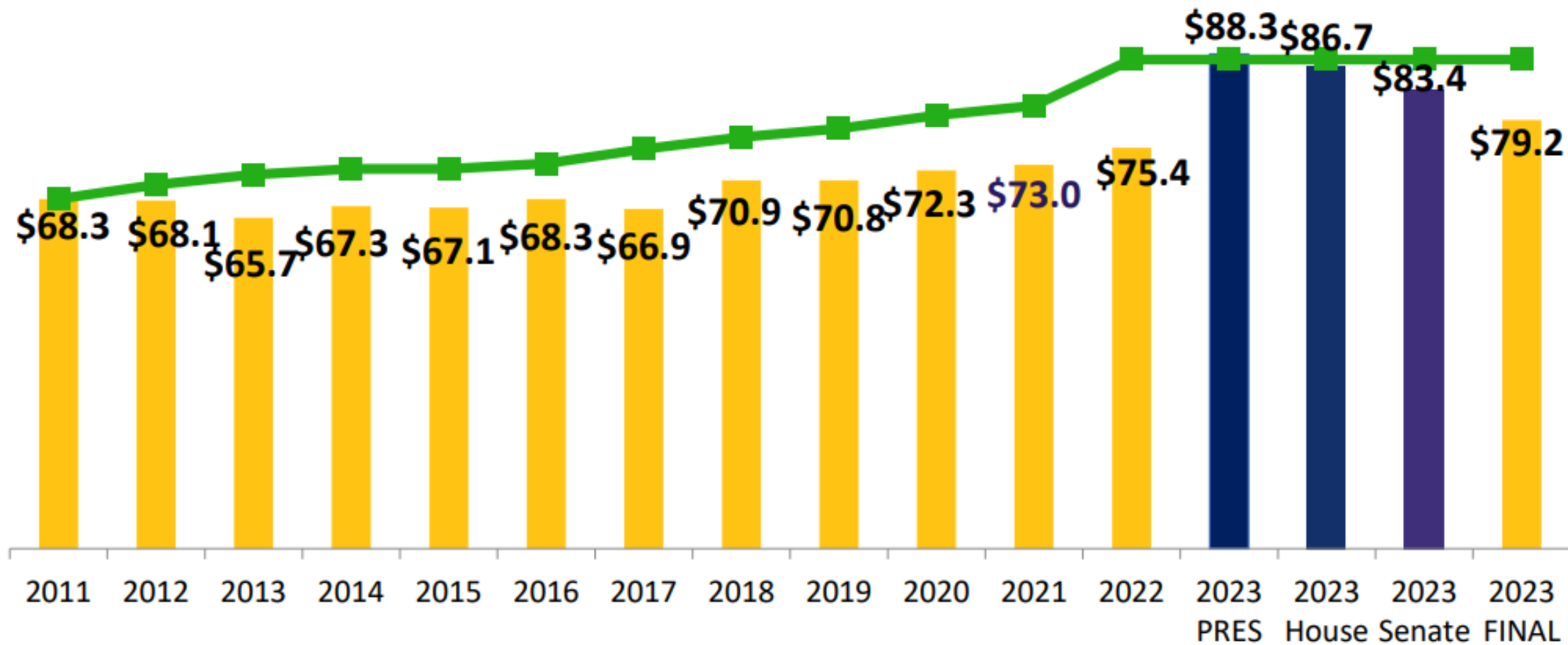
- COPPA
- KOSA
- KOSM/Eyes on the Board
- CARE Act

- **Regulations**

- Title IX
- School Meal Patterns
- E-Rate Rules
- DOL OT
- FERPA/COPPA

But Remains Below the 2011 Inflation-Adjusted Level

(Department of Education Discretionary Funding in Billions of Dollars)



Final FY24 Numbers

- \$79.1 billion to the Department of Education (USED) – a \$500 million cut below FY23
- Programs that received increased funding:
 - Title I: \$18.389 billion (+ \$20 million)
 - IDEA (Special Education Grants to States): \$14.213 billion (+ \$20 million)
 - Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP): \$220 million (+ \$5 million)
 - IMPACT Aid: \$1.625 billion (+7 million)
 - Perkins Career & Technical Education (State grants): \$1.439 billion (+10 million)
 - Head Start: \$12.3 billion (+ \$275 million)
 - Child Care and Development Block Grants (CCDBG): \$8.7 billion (+ \$725 million)



Forecasting FY25



- President's FY 2025 budget was submitted to Congress on Monday, March 11
- The debt ceiling bill from early 2023 established the funding caps for FY24 and FY25
 - FY25 will require the cutting of about \$25 billion from non-defense discretionary spending due to “budgetary adjustments” that were available for FY24 and not for FY25

FY25 Update

No action of note from the Senate. Recent House proposal cuts NDD funding overall by \$75 billion (6%) below the enacted FY 2024 level.

Specific to education: cut by 11% to 16% from the FY 2024 level

Now is not the time to panic, but it is the time to let the House know education funding needs to be protected and prioritized.

IDEA FULL FUNDING COALITION

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- AASA is proud to co-sponsor the IDEA Full Funding Coalition
- We held our first in-person IDEA Funding hill briefing in more than 5 years
- Successfully introduced stand alone bills in both chambers
 - Democrat-only bill in the Senate (30 sponsors)
 - Bipartisan Bill in the House (134, total: 123 D and 11 R)
- The bill provides a ten-year glide path to help Congress realize its funding commitment
- IDEA currently at 13%

CARE for Student Mental Health Act

- *Recently introduced* **Creating Access and Resources in Education (CARE) for Student Mental Health Act**
- Would formally authorize two mental health grant programs at U.S. Department of Education: School-Based Mental Health Program and Strengthening the Pipeline of School Mental Health Professionals
- Only districts that are high-needs LEA can apply
 - High needs is RLIS or top 25% neediest in your state
- Creates a 30% set-aside for rural districts
- Makes it easier for districts to be notified about grant opportunities and apply



Key Department of Education Policy Updates & Regulations



- **ARP Liquidation**
 - Start reaching out to your SEA right now if you think you would like beyond January 2025 to extend contracts
 - Reminder: you have automatic liquidation extension through January
- **Title IX Regulations**
 - Two regs: First ones were focused on grievance procedures and the second was on athletic participation
 - Released in late April
 - No timeline on athletics regs
 - Implementation window for grievance procedure regs likely 24-25 SY
- **Federal Property Reporting**
 - Significant implications for reporting
 - Any LEA that used ESSER funding for renovation, major remodeling, construction or the purchasing of real property must report a federal property interest regardless of the amount of the federal interest
- **EDGAR Proposed Regs**
 - Would make changes to the competitive grant processes at ED
 - This dovetails with AASA's collaboration with Greenlight Grants Initiative

MORE Regulations, MORE Policy

- REGULATIONS

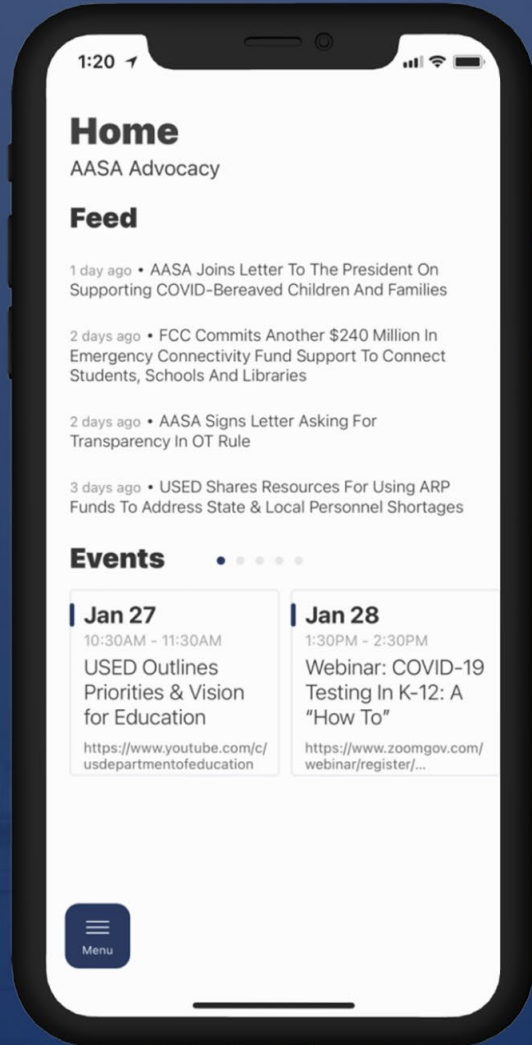
- School Meals
- Paid Overtime
- Apprenticeship
- Lead Testing in Schools

- POLICY

- E-Rate
- AI
- Privacy
- Forest Counties/SRS

Stay Connected

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It empowers school leaders to stay informed, and helps shape the future of educational policy.



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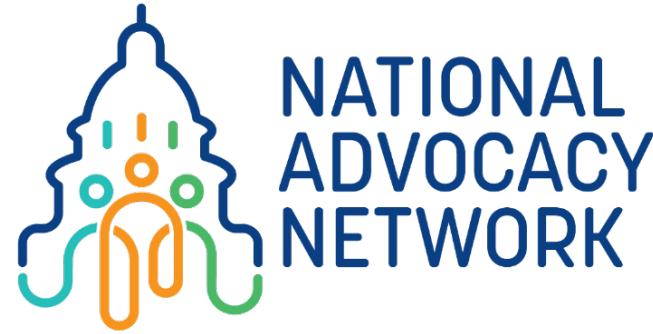
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NEW: AASA's National Advocacy Network



The AASA National Advocacy Network (NAN) is a community of superintendent advocates committed to engaging with Congress and federal agencies to elevate the perspective of district leaders in the D.C.

- Engage in our Calls to Action, contact your members of Congress on make-or-break issues that have major funding and policy implications for public schools
- Submit comments about important regulatory changes that will significantly alter school district operations or finances
- Increase participation in our Calls to Action by forwarding these alerts to two or three of your colleagues and encouraging them to take action.

Benefits of joining NAN (besides effectively advocating for federal policy that benefits public education):

- Access to exclusive quarterly webinars that provide a comprehensive update of everything happening in DC that will impact public education. This will be an opportunity to meet with the NAN members and the AASA Advocacy Team to address any questions you may have.
- Networking with superintendents across the country who are passionate about advocating for federal policies that ensure every student has equitable access to a high quality public education.
- 20% off registration to the [Legislative Advocacy Conference](#) (Save the Date for July 9-11, 2024!)

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JULY 9-11 ▶ **2024**

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Washington, D.C.

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