

Illinois State Board of Education Federal Relations Division

Our Mission

- To increase federal funds to Illinois at the state and local level
- To improve communications between ISBE and federal and Congressional offices and the Governor's Springfield and Washington offices

Increase Funding Levels

- ❑ Formula increases for programs that benefit Illinois education (e.g., Title I, IDEA)
- ❑ We work with local or state competitive grant applications (e.g., REA \$, Magnet School \$)
- ❑ We work to secure “earmarks” (e.g., Assistive Technology for \$553,000 in 01)
- ❑ Seeking other earmarks in this year -- early learning; math improvement in the middle school; reading improvement grades 7-12; teacher recruitment. \$22 million in requests currently pending.

Informing vs. Lobbying Members of Congress

- Develop relationships
- Share success stories
- Invite “MOC” to your schools
- Thank them for their support, often

Reauthorization of ESEA

- ❑ Since Sept. 11th, reauthorization of ESEA has become the only domestic issue Congress and the President want to actively pursue
- ❑ Conference Committee – could complete their work by end of October
- ❑ *Washington Education News* on ISBE Homepage/Federal Legislation:
<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/federal/links.htm>

Remaining Key Issues on ESEA- 3Fs and a P

- ❑ **Funding:** \$4.7 billion increase over the president's original request will bring spending to \$49.2 billion in 2002, a 17% increase over the 2001 budget
- ❑ **Failing Schools:** Testing, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), & Accountability
- ❑ **Flexibility – “Straight As”**
- ❑ **Program Consolidation**

What Will ISBE Do When ESEA Passes?

- ❑ Inform locals about the new law
- ❑ Prepare State Plans (consolidated applications) pursuant to federal guidance (e.g., Title I etc, Teacher Quality)
- ❑ See what state laws need to be modified (e.g., annual assessment, accountability) and pursue in Spring of 2002 or 2003

What Will ISBE Do When ESEA Passes (continued)?

- ❑ Consider new grant funds directly to Illinois and disbursement process (e.g., Reading First, 21st CCLC)
- ❑ Consider applying for new grant funds still on a competitive basis (e.g., Early Reading First)

Assistive Technology Funds

- ❑ Funds through IDEA Part B to ATEN
- ❑ Funds through Urgent School Repair --
some of the 1/2 of the 25%...
- ❑ Earmark through Congresswoman
Schakowsky for \$553,000

Technology Funds

- ❑ Like assistive technology, from Urgent School Repair Funds – $\frac{1}{2}$ of the $\frac{1}{2}$... this year...contact Ms. Bequette at 217/782-5439 or gbequett@isbe.net
- ❑ State Technology Revolving Loan Program...this year – \$50 M
- ❑ State Technology for Success...this year -- \$58 M

Technology Funds (continued)

- FY2001 Federal Funding: \$872 M
- Bush's FY2002 Request: \$817 M
- Passed the House (HR 3061): \$1,000 M
- Passed the Senate Committee (S 1536):
\$1,000 M
- NOTHING FINAL YET!!!

Technology Funds (continued)

- Ed Tech State Grants - \$712 M (S) vs. \$1B (H) by formula to the states for hardware, software, teacher training. Consolidates tech literacy challenge grants, tech innovation challenge grants, regional tech consortia, teacher training, community-based tech centers, star schools and tech leadership in the House version (unnamed consolidation in the Senate version)

Technology Funds (continued)

- ❑ Community Tech Grants - \$64 M (focus on disadvantaged) (S)
- ❑ PT3 Grants - \$125 M (S)
- ❑ Ready to Learn TV Grants - \$24 M (S) vs. \$16M (H)
- ❑ Teacherline (formerly Mathline) Grants - \$15 M (S)

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