

**Large and diverse coalition of SSAE grant program supporters dismayed at the President's FY18 budget proposal, troubled by the lack of commitment to public education**

On behalf of the undersigned members of the Title IV, A Coalition, we offer the following response to President Trump's elimination of the Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) grant program, authorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act, in his FY18 budget:

**Washington D.C., May 23, 2017** — *"We are profoundly dismayed by President Trump's Fiscal Year 2018 budget proposal to completely eliminate the SSAE grant program. Authorized less than 2 years ago, and soon to be implemented through the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act, SSAE is a flexible block grant that is designed to provide support for much needed health and safety programs, well-rounded education programs, and the effective use of education technology.*

*"The President's decision to eliminate this program—before districts have received their FY17 SSAE allocations or had a chance to implement the program—is a clear sign that this Administration has no intention of supporting America's public schools and the 90% of students and educators who attend them. Moreover, this proposed defunding of SSAE stands in stark contrast to both the will of Congress and the President's publicly stated intentions to provide states and districts enhanced flexibility over education.*

*"We call on Congress to do the right thing for our students and educators and fund SSAE to its full authorized level of \$1.6 billion."*

**Members of the Title IV, A Coalition:**

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American Music Therapy Association

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Healthy Schools Campaign  
Healthy Schools Network  
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Learning Disabilities Association of America  
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National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP)  
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National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)  
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National Summer Learning Association  
Safe Routes to School National Partnership  
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