

2017 *Legislative Agenda*

K-12 Education Funding

Healthcare Reform

School Infrastructure

Child Nutrition



ASBO International *Believes...*

Adequate federal funding with minimal administrative burden is critical for schools to provide quality education services.

- Congress should prioritize federal funding for formula grants under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Federal support, flexibility, and funding are necessary for states and school districts to implement healthcare reforms and regulations.

- Congress should oppose Medicaid/CHIP funding cuts to states and schools, including restructuring federal-state payments via block grants and per-capita caps.

Direct investment and other federal financial supports are needed to help school districts construct, renovate, and maintain K–12 facilities.

- Congress should assist schools by improving access to infrastructure financing options such as federal and state funds, public-private partnerships (PPPs), and tax-credit bonds.

Schools need sustainable nutrition business models to provide students with affordable, nutritious, and delicious meals.

- Congress should reduce regulations and increase federal reimbursements for child nutrition/school meal programs to help schools address administrative costs and burdens.

About

ASBO International

Founded in 1910, the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is a nonprofit organization that, through its members and affiliates, represents approximately 30,000 school business professionals worldwide. ASBO International is committed to providing programs, services, and a global network that promote the highest standards in school business. Its members support student achievement through effective resource management in various areas ranging from finance and operations to food services and transportation.

ASBO International members represent every aspect of K-12 school support services, including:

- School Finance
- Facilities Management
- Nutrition Management
- Procurement
- Technology
- Risk Management
- Legislative Affairs
- Human Resources

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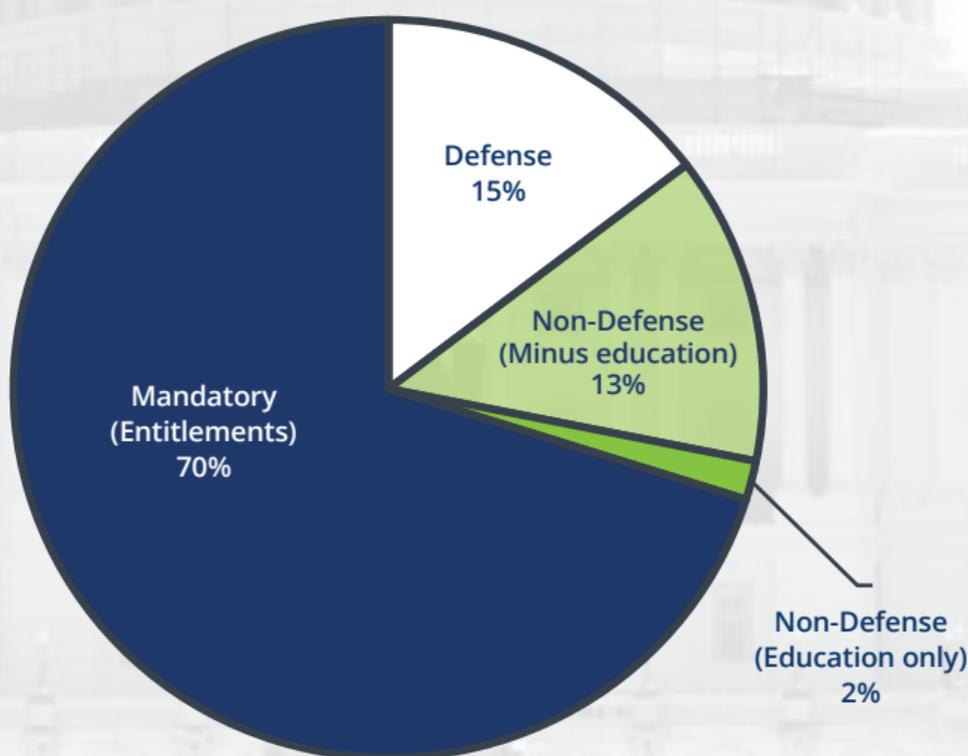
K-12

Education Funding

- \$** Resolve sequestration responsibly, remove budget caps, and reinvest in education.
- \$** Increase ESSA funding for Titles I, II, and IV formula grants. Schools need adequate resources to promote student success.
- \$** Increase IDEA funding to match Congress' original pledge to pay 40% of the extra cost required to educate students with special needs.
- \$** Strengthen career and technical education programs (i.e., increase funding, reduce administrative burdens, align with in-demand jobs, and empower local stakeholders).

Education Accounts for Only 2% of All Federal Spending

2017 Federal Expenses By Category



The U.S. spends two cents of every federal dollar on education. Increasing the investment to five cents of every dollar (5% of the budget) will improve student success, boost the economy, and free up state and local dollars for other education services.

Source: FY2018 OMB Budget. Chart adapted from the Committee for Education Funding, cef.org.

Healthcare Reform



Enhance healthcare compliance training, resources, and other supports.



Reform current regulations sensibly to address K-12 administrative burdens. Define full-time employees as working 35 hours/week, exempt substitute and hourly staff, etc.



Oppose Medicaid/CHIP reforms that cut funding for states. Funding caps and block grants limit reimbursements for eligible service providers, including schools.

K-12 *Infrastructure*



Incorporate schools into Congress' federal infrastructure package.



Increase financing options and reduce red tape for K-12 infrastructure projects (e.g., federal funds, grants, PPPs, and qualified zone academy/school construction bonds).

School Nutrition



Increase federal reimbursements for free/reduced-price meals and for administrative burdens from enacting new meal patterns and other regulations.



Oppose changes to the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which enables high-poverty schools to serve meals to all students at no charge, improves meal program efficiency, and reduces administrative burdens.



Oppose cuts to nutrition program funding, including block grants and funding caps, which cannot address recessions, rising poverty/food costs, and increased enrollment.

Get Straight to *the Heart* of School Funding Issues

Combining your ability to create change through policy with the expertise of school business practitioners on the frontlines of K-12 resource management, we can work together to create a world-class education system for all students. When it comes to understanding what school systems need to increase student success in the midst of funding cutbacks and dwindling resources, ASBO International is your direct source for finding answers.

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