



ASBO INTERNATIONAL

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## Legislative Agenda

### Legislative Priorities

- K-12 Education Funding
- Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- School Nutrition

### Other Areas of Focus

- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Funding
- K-12 Regulatory Environment
- Equal Opportunity for Education



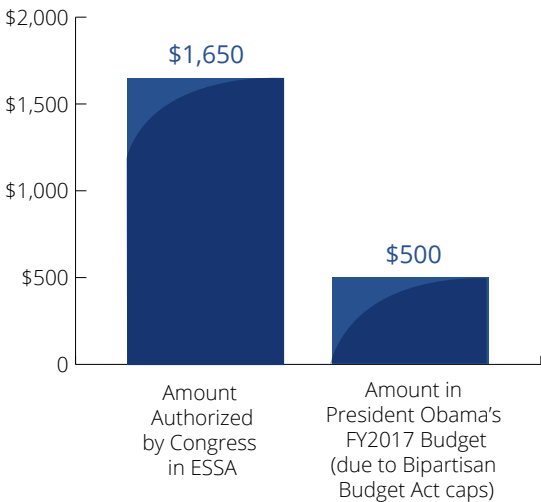
## ASBO International Believes...

- **Adequate federal funding with minimal administrative burden** is critical for schools to provide quality education services.
- **Federal ACA support and flexibility are required** for school systems to implement healthcare regulations.
- **Schools need sustainable nutrition business models** to provide students with affordable, nutritious, and delicious meals.
- **IDEA should be fully funded** at 40% of the national average per-pupil expenditure to support students with disabilities.
- **Schools require fewer, simplified, and streamlined regulations** to address overwhelming legal compliance costs and administrative burdens.
- **Students have the right to an equal opportunity to receive a quality education** and learn in a nondiscriminatory, trauma-free environment with safe indoor air quality, water, facilities, and physical security.

## K-12 Education Priorities

- **Resolve** sequestration responsibly.
- **Remove** federal budget caps and reinvest in education.
- **Increase** Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Title I and IV program funding.
- **Ensure** the Department of Education plays a supportive, not punitive role for SEAs/LEAs with ESSA implementation.
- **Reexamine** ESSA/IDEA “supplement, not supplant” and “maintenance of effort” provisions.

### How Federal Budget Caps Limit K-12 Investment



■ ESSA Title IV-A Funding (in millions, USD)

## Affordable Care Act (ACA) Priorities

- **Increase** ACA compliance resources, training, outreach, and other school system supports.
- **Increase** federal and K-12 collaboration to reform the ACA regulatory environment; reduce, simplify, and streamline rules to reduce compliance costs and burdens.
- **Exempt** K-12 substitute and hourly staff from ACA regulations.



DID YOU KNOW THE ACA REQUIRES DISTRICTS TO CREDIT LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTES WHO ARE PAID A HALF-DAILY RATE AS HAVING WORKED AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY—POTENTIALLY OVER-ESTIMATING THEIR WORK HOURS? TO AVOID THESE EQUIVALENTS, DISTRICTS MUST DEVOTE ALREADY SCARCE K-12 RESOURCES TO TRACKING ACTUAL HOURS WORKED.

## School Nutrition Priorities

- **Increase** federal reimbursements to schools for free/reduced-price meals and lost revenues when implementing new nutrition and meal pattern requirements.
- **Reduce**, simplify, and streamline regulations to reduce meal program costs and workloads.
- **Improve** federal guidance, professional development, assistance, and flexibility for SEAs/LEAs with nutrition program compliance.



DID YOU KNOW THAT THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP) CAN HELP SCHOOLS IMPROVE MEAL PARTICIPATION AND NUTRITION, AND REDUCE PROGRAM COSTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOADS?

## About ASBO International

Founded in 1910, the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is an educational association that supports school business professionals who are dedicated and trustworthy stewards of taxpayers' investment in public education. Through its members and affiliates, ASBO International represents approximately 30,000 school business officials who manage educational resources effectively and efficiently to support student achievement.

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

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

# Let's Create a World-Class Education System Together

ASBO International offers its experience, expertise, and interest in creating a world-class education system for all students. With a wide and deep knowledge of school finance and operations, our members are uniquely qualified to help federal policymakers understand the enormous challenge of increasing student success in an environment where dwindling resources are the new reality. We welcome the opportunity to work with you to meet the significant financial and operational challenges that schools face.



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