

News Release

LINCHPIN STRATEGIES SECURES HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION PROVISIONS IN LANDMARK K-12 EDUCATION LEGISLATION

Washington, DC: November 30, 2015 – Linchpin Strategies applauds the bipartisan agreement announced today on landmark legislation to update the No Child Left Behind Act. The Every Student Succeeds Act represents the most significant federal K-12 policy development in more than a decade, and will shape elementary and secondary education programming for years to come.

Significant provisions secured by Linchpin on behalf of education clients include:

- Creation of a new, \$250 million competitive grant program for states to offer preschool to young children, improve the quality of early childhood education programs, and better coordinate existing funding streams for early education.
- Creation of competitive grants to improve instruction in civics, economics, geography and history, including funding to offer access to high quality civics, American history and government coursework to students in underserved schools. This is the first authorization of federal funding dedicated to instruction in civics, geography or history since the ban on earmarks.
- Inclusion of language making organizations offering home-based literacy instruction eligible to compete for new literacy grants, opening a new source of funding to home visiting programs focused on school readiness for three and four year old children.
- Maintenance of provisions in current law making home-based early literacy instruction programs eligible for funding.
- Inclusion of language clarifying or creating new allowable uses of existing funds for early childhood education, including, but not limited to, funds for preschool services to disadvantaged children, and teacher and leader professional development in early learning.

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