



Education Taskforce Report for 2016

2016 ACTIVITIES

The Task Force was active and continued to meet monthly on the 2nd Friday of each month from 12:30-2 pm. This year focused on the implementation of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act that was signed into law by President Obama as the Every Student Succeeds Act in December 2016. Specifically, the Task Force was involved in advising on the negotiated rulemaking process for assessment provision in ESSA, as well as responding to NPRMs on both assessment and accountability. The taskforce also submitted recommendations to Congress on reauthorizations for both the Higher Education Act and the Perkins Career Tech Act. The task force also continues to work with ED on implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act with coordinates with the Fiscal Policy Task Force on appropriations for education programs.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- The task force will continue to work on implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act.
- The taskforce will work to educate a new Administration and Congress about the education of students with disabilities and the myriad of statutes, regulations, guidance which direct that education.
- The taskforce will work closely with both the HELP and Education and Workforce Committees as issues arise.
- The task force will continue to work to secure passage of the Keeping All Students Safe Act, IDEA Full Funding bill, and other legislation.
- The task force will continue to monitor and work on strengthening implementation and enforcement of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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