WHAT’S HAPPENING IN DC

During the 115th Congressional Session

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OVERVIEW

➤ Confirmation of Betsy Devos
➤ Secure Rural School Act
➤ Child Nutrition Act
➤ Carl E. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act
➤ Federal Education Investments
➤ Educational Choice
➤ Every Student Succeeds Act
A historical vote on the senate floor with the tie breaking vote from Vice President Pence

AASB did not take a stand on the confirmation hearing
SECURE RURAL SCHOOL ACT

TIMBER RECEIPTS

➤ US Forest Service distributes funds to approximately half of Alaska’s 53 school districts

➤ Necessary for operation of many school districts

➤ Funds reauthorized two years ago. Not yet entered into legislation for reauthorization
Advocating for Congress & Administration to enact bipartisan child nutrition programs reauthorization that grants flexibility and relief for school districts to successfully administer school meal programs by:

➤ Increasing reimbursement levels to cover compliance cost

➤ Authorizing local school districts to make implementation feasible with available federal resources
Advocating Congress for swift passage of reauthorization that includes:

➤ Strong academic component and credentialing programs that will help our nation’s school districts continue efforts to advance 21st Century skills

➤ Knowledge to meet the needs of both students and employers

➤ Practical training through apprenticeships, other opportunities
Advocating for Congress to:

➤ Pass FY 2017 appropriations bill that maximizes investments in Special Education, Title I Grants and related programs

➤ Avert further across-the-board cuts to education in FY 2018 that impact the success of our students, school districts, and communities
Advocating for Congress to:

➤ Support the range of choices offered by our nation’s public school districts, which educate more than 50 million students.

➤ Advance a balanced dialogue on evidence-based choice options to prepare every child for college, careers and citizenship.

➤ “Level the playing field” so that all schools that receive public funds are held to the same accountability standards and can be appropriately compared.
EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

➤ The Idea: Adding additional funding to Title I schools with disadvantaged individuals above funds traditional schools received, rather than supplanting funding was clarified prior to Advocacy Institute.

➤ The ESSA WILL supplement funding to the Title I schools, and these funds WILL NOT be supplanted.