

Statement on call for Congressional action on ESEA

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This morning, the WSSDA Board of Directors passed a resolution calling upon Congress to pass a reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The resolution was prompted by growing recognition that the act, which has not been amended or reauthorized in more than a dozen years, is both flawed and outdated. The recent denial of a waiver to No Child Left Behind is only the most recent and visible of the problems. The overriding issue is that failure to update the law has created a national roadblock to high quality, K-12 education.

The resolution cites unwarranted mandates, costly and ineffective punitive sanctions, and inaccurate accountability provisions as reasons enough to demand changes to the law.

The resolution is [posted online](#).



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