

# Federal Issues Briefing

LEAP Legislative Conference  
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- Overview
  - Update
  - On the horizon
  - What you can do
  - Table discussion

# Update

- SCHIP Expansion
  - \$32 billion/4 years
  - 4 million more covered children
  
- Stimulus
  - \$100 billion for education
    - \$10 billion Title I
    - \$12.2 billion special education
    - \$48.6 billion state fiscal stabilization fund
  - Jobs & Budgets
  - Reform

# The Plan

- Reform priorities
  - Higher standards/assessments
  - More effective teachers
  - Enhance state data systems
  - Turning around low-performing schools
- Race to the Top - \$4.35 billion
  - Secretary's innovation fund
    - 10-15 states
    - 4 reform priorities
    - Adopt Common Core Standards
    - Remove state data firewalls
    - Eliminate state charter caps

# The Plan

- Stimulus
  - Spring/summer
- Race to the Top
  - Summer/fall
- ESEA Reauthorization
  - After Race to the Top
    - Road map
    - Results-oriented focus
    - Competitive/Incentivized funding

# Not According to Plan

- Health care hold up
  - Legislative queue
- Sen. Kennedy/ Sen. Harkin
  - New Senate leadership
    - Vision for post-NCLB and fixes
    - Sp. Ed, buildings, nutrition
    - IDEA Full funding?

# Not According to Plan

- Still sluggish economy
  - Jobs not reforms
- Reform tools not in place
  - Standards
  - Data, evaluations
  - Turnaround strategies

# Unanswered Issues

- A defining theme?
  - 4 priorities
  - “Soft bigotry of low expectations”
- Funding
  - Expectations vs. reality
  - Stimulus vs. post-stimulus
  - Formula vs. competitive
- Standards backlash?
- AYP, accountability and 2014?

# Moving Forward

- What you can do
  - Stimulus
    - *Planning the Possible*
      - Professional development activities
    - Keep records, highlight accomplishments
    - Share stimulus stories/status with ASCD and Congress

# Moving Forward

- What you can do
  - Teacher effectiveness
    - Provide expertise
    - Currents uses of data and evaluation systems
  - School improvement strategies

# Discussion Question

- Conference materials
- Speakers
- Biggest concern or question?

# LEAP to LILA

- New Name
  - **Legislative Institute for Legislative Advocacy**
- New Date
  - January
  - Better time
  - Year-long approach
- Next conference
  - January 2011

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