Education Policy and Politics

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- Trump-DeVos Administration
- Career Technical Education
- Higher Education Act
- Every Student Succeeds Act Implementation
- Education Funding
Trump-DeVos

- Dismantling Obama era policies
- School choice/vouchers
- Education budget cuts
- Ending Common Core
Trump-DeVos

- Obama era education policies overturned
- ESSA regulations
  - Congressional action
  - Cannot re-regulate
- Title IX campus sexual assault guidance
- Transgender bathroom guidance
- For-profit school rules
  - Borrower defense
  - Gainful employment
Trump-DeVos

- School Choice/Vouchers
  - #1 education policy priority
- Parental empowerment
- Local control
Trump-DeVos

• FY17 Budget
  – Proposed $1 billion cut to Title II - PD
  – -$200 million -- $2.1 billion total
  – $400 million for Title IV well-rounded ($1.65 billion)

• FY18 Budget
  – $1 billion for school choice
  – Proposed $9 billion cut to education
  – Proposed elimination of Title II
  – Senate $2.1 billion   House 0
Career Technical Education

- Perkins CTE - $1.1 billion
- House passed bill
  - State goals and accountability
  - Flexibility in use of funds
  - New definition of student concentrators
- Senate
  - No bill
  - Fight over Secretarial authority
Higher Education Act

• House PROSPER Act
  • Promoting Real Opportunity, Success, and Prosperity Through Education Reform Act
  • House committee passage party line vote
    – Eliminates Title II program
      • Funding to teacher preparation programs
    – Simplifies student aid form
    – Reduces programs and funding
    – Eliminates public service student loan forgiveness
    – +$300 Pell Grant for 15 credit low income students
Every Student Succeeds Act

- ESSA Implementation
  - ESSA Rules Repealed
  - Secretary’s interpretation
  - 1st feedback extensive
  - Meet the letter of the law
  - “At least one” non-academic indicator
    - Chronic absenteeism
  - State plan approvals
  - A lack of ambition and innovation?
Tax Law

- Maintains $250 deduction for teacher school supplies
- 529 savings plans for K-12 expenses
- Limits SALT deduction to $10,000
- Less education funding?
  - California, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas
FY18 Funding

• Shutdown
• Sequester caps
• Defense vs. Non-defense
• Constrains/shrinks funding
  – $1 billion for school
  – Title I $15.39 billion
  – IDEA $11.9 billion
  – 21st CCLC $1.1 billion
  – CTE $1.1 billion
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