



READINGS AND "THINK ABOUTS"

Leading Perspectives on Federal Policy in Education and ESEA Reauthorization

ESEA Reauthorization Policy Statement: CCSSO Policy Statement on the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Council of Chief State School Officers, October 2006

CCSSO is committed to ensuring that reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reinforces sound state and local education practices—promoting innovation and providing increased support, along with improved accountability for results—to best achieve our core education goals. This policy statement describes CCSSO’s goal for ESEA reauthorization, which is to move beyond *no child left behind* and toward *every child a graduate*—prepared for postsecondary education, work, and citizenship in the 21st century. The statement describes the new state-federal partnership that will be required to achieve this goal and how ESEA reauthorization can help.

http://www.ccsso.org/content/PDFs/ESEA_Policy_Stmnt.pdf

“Think A-bouts”

What are the challenges and opportunities for SEAs and for CCSSO in the ESEA reauthorization debate?

Does the idea of “Every Child a Graduate” fit your state’s goals for ESEA reauthorization?

What are you doing to lead this discussion in your state?

How can chiefs work collectively to advance this work?

What role should CCSSO play in supporting chief leadership around reauthorization?
How can chiefs, deputies, and FLs work collectively to advance our agreed-upon goals?