



# Federal Policy Update

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- **AGENDA**

- Election Results
- Funding and the Fiscal Cliff
- Education Issues
- Questions and Answers



# ELECTION RESULTS





- HOUSE

- 233 Republicans (- 4 seats)
- 195 Democrats (+ 5 seats)
- 7 Undecided
  
- 218 Needed for majority
  
- 242 Republicans before election



- HOUSE
  - CA Delegation will have 14 new members
  - Of the 53 members of California's Delegation, 38 are Democrats and 15 are Republicans
  - 39 incumbents will return to the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress



- SENATE
  - 54 Democrats (+1 seat)
  - 45 Republicans (-2 seats)
  - 1 Independent (will caucus with the Dem's)



- HOUSE EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE COMMITTEE (23 R and 17 D)
  - Leadership should stay the same with Rep. John Klein (R-MN) as chair and Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA) as chair of the Elementary and Secondary Subcommittee
  - There will be big changes in the committee membership on both sides – at least 10 committee members are not returning to the House



- SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION , LABOR AND PENSION COMMITTEE (12 D and 10 R)
  - Make up of committee will remain largely the same – no CA Senator on committee
  - Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) will stay as chair
  - Ranking Member Michael Enzi (R-WY) is termed out. Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN) will most likely be the Ranking Member





- **OBAMA CABINET**
  - At least 6 Cabinet Secretaries to change
    - Secretary of State
    - Treasury Secretary
    - Defense Secretary
    - Energy Secretary
    - Transportation Secretary
    - Commerce Secretary



- US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
  - Arne Duncan to remain as Education Secretary
  - Will continue work on implementation of flexibility waivers, RTTT and Reauthorization
  - Will remain focused on the 4 reform areas: academic standards, robust data systems, teachers and school leaders, and low-achieving schools



# FUNDING AND THE FISCAL CLIFF



- 2013 FEDERAL BUDGET
  - No formal budget has been adopted for FY 2013
  - A Continuing Resolution (H.J. Res 117) provides funding authorization until March 27, 2013
  - Current funding levels are flat – total FY authorization is \$1.047 trillion.



- THE FISCAL CLIFF – What is it?
  - It is the perfect storm of expiring federal tax cuts and mandated across-the-board cuts (sequestration)
  - Will take effect January 2, 2013 unless Congress enacts legislation to stop or change it



- SEQUESTRATION
  - Automatic trigger-cuts that were part of a deal to raise the debt ceiling last year - \$1.2 trillion spread between 1/2013 and 10/2021
  - Congress tried (and failed) to come up with a long-term solution for the nation's debt
  - Kicked the can down the road



- **IMPACT TO EDUCATION**

- Most education programs will be cut by 7.8% to 8.2% - approximately \$3.5 billion in FY2013
- Cuts to the Impact Aid program will take effect on January 2, 2013
- Cuts to other education programs will be impacted in July of 2013 for the 2013-14 school year

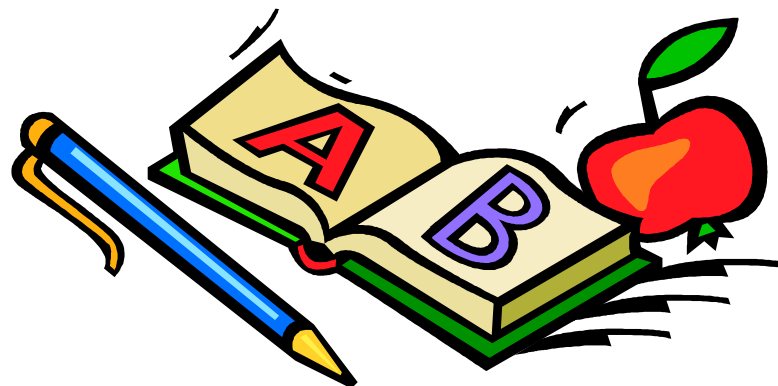


- PROPOSED CUTS TO CALIFORNIA INCLUDE:
  - \$139 million in Title 1
  - \$4.8 million in SIG
  - \$22 million in Teacher Quality
  - \$99 million in Special Education
  - \$12.7 million in EL grants





# EDUCATION ISSUES





- REAUTHORIZATION OF ESEA
  - Remains status quo
  - Unlikely there will be changes in 2013
  - New legislation will have to be introduced



- ESEA FLEXIBILITY/WAIVERS
  - Flexibility from NCLB requirements is provided by USDOE in exchange for plans to prepare all students for college and career, focusing aid on the neediest students and supporting effective teaching and leadership.
  - 33 states and DC have received waivers



- ESEA FLEXIBILITY/WAIVERS
  - California's waiver is still pending – it was a general waiver request not an NCLB waiver.
  - Texas is also submitting a general waiver request



- RACE TO THE TOP – DISTRICT LEVEL (RTTT-D)
  - A \$400 million program to help individual districts implement reforms
  - USDOE expects to award 15 to 25 four-year grants ranging from \$5-\$40 million
  - 371 applications have been received representing over 1,100 districts



- RACE TO THE TOP – DISTRICT LEVEL
  - 21 CA districts and consortiums applied
  - Glendale Unified and LAUSD submitted without the required union sign-off



- OTHER PROGRAMS FOR REAUTHORIZATION
  - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (2004)
  - Carl Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act (2006)
  - Workforce Investment Act (1998) includes the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act



# Questions and Answers







## NSBA's Federal Relations Network Conference

- **School Boards: A Powerful, Unified Voice on Capitol Hill** -- January 27-29, 2013
- Pre-Registration information can be found in the Spotlight section on CSBA's website at [www.csba.org](http://www.csba.org)



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- [www.nsba.org](http://www.nsba.org)
- [www.thomas.loc.gov](http://www.thomas.loc.gov) (Library of Congress)
- [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)
- [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)
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***Thank you!***

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