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NCLB Special

AD NOTES

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Student Test Scores = Teacher Evaluation

Earlier this year, CTA launched a campaign to Erase, Rewrite and Reauthorize NCLB/ESEA. Many members of Congress have been very receptive to our ideas and concerns. Garden Grove teachers helped write personal messages about the negative impacts of NCLB on postcards which were delivered to Congressional leaders. Now, however, some Congressional leaders are proposing additional outrageous language to the NCLB Act that if passed, will have an impact on your career!

- ✓ **Merit pay** is proposed for “exemplary” teachers and principals who agree to serve for four years in a high-need school. **Part of what makes a teacher “exemplary” is how his/her students performed on the once a year test.** A “cap” is placed on what all teachers can earn, despite what may be included in existing negotiated Contracts. Funding for this will inversely impact the revenues available for current payroll obligations.
- ✓ Schools in Program Improvement (PI) that don’t make their AYP for two consecutive years will be designated “high priority”. They may then be closed down and reopened as a **charter** school or obtain a **reconstituted** staff and new administrator.
- ✓ A limit will be placed on how long a student can be taught by a “novice” teacher. **Mandatory transfers** will then be used to ensure that students have experienced staff members as well as beginners. This will have a direct impact your transfer rights in this district!
- ✓ **Data systems** linking student progress to teachers will be designed, so that information about student test results can be utilized for **teacher evaluation**.
- ✓ The current **STAR** test results would continue to count for at least 85% of a school’s AYP.
- ✓ Many sections of our negotiated **Contract**, including transfer rights, salary schedules, evaluation sections, would be **superseded** by this Act.

YOU NEED TO CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES NOW!!

PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET

**TELL CONGRESS TO VOTE “NO” on
Miller/Pelosi ESEA/NCLB Reauthorization Proposal
Your Involvement Does Make a Difference!**

1. Call your member of Congress from the CTA Hotline!

1-888-268-4334

If you are calling from a cell phone enter your home phone number at the prompt and you will be connected to your congressional office.

2. Call House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

Speaker Nancy Pelosi

San Francisco Office Phone (415) 556-4862

Washington DC Phone (202) 225-4965

3. Call House Education and Labor Committee Chairman George Miller

Congressman George Miller

Concord Office Phone (925) 602-1880

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Phone Script:

Hi, I'm _____, a teacher in the Garden Grove Unified School District. I'm calling to ask you to vote **NO** on the current proposal by Representative George Miller and Speaker Nancy Pelosi to reauthorize the No Child Left Behind Act. Teachers support accountability, but this reauthorization proposal makes a bad law worse. Its one-size-fits-all approach is hurting students, and it will make it harder to attract quality teachers into our public schools. **Support classroom teachers and vote NO on the Miller-Pelosi NCLB Reauthorization proposal.**

Instructions:

- Ask to speak to the Congressperson. If not available leave a message with staff or record a message on the answering machine.
- Be sure to identify yourself as a constituent living in the district as well as a classroom teacher.
- Be sure to give contact information so they can get back to you.