



# **ASBO INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2019-2020**

- Education Funding
- School Infrastructure & Safety
- Child Nutrition
- Health Care

# ABOUT ASBO INTERNATIONAL

Founded in 1910, the **Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO)** is a nonprofit organization that, through its members and affiliates, **represents over 30,000 school business professionals** worldwide. We are committed to **promoting the highest standards of school business management.**

**ASBO members are school finance and operational leaders who hold titles such as:**

Chief Financial Officer, Business Manager, Treasurer, Assistant Superintendent, Director of Facilities, Food Services, and Transportation

**School business officials ensure efficient and effective resource management across all aspects of school support services, including:**

- Finance, Accounting, Budgeting, and Auditing
- Facilities Management
- Security and Risk Management
- Student Transportation
- Food and Nutrition Services
- Purchasing and Procurement
- Information Technology
- And more!

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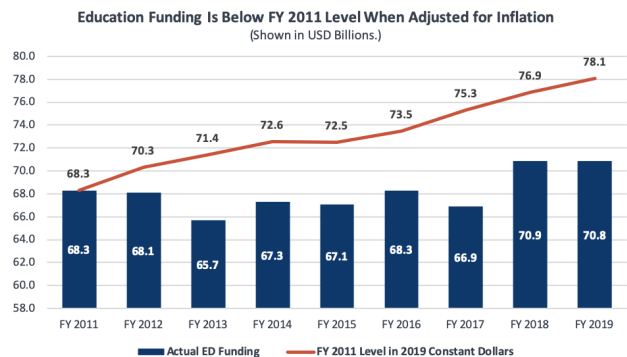
# SCHOOLS & STUDENTS NEED YOUR HELP

**Public schools face unprecedented challenges to do more with less.** State education funding is still recovering from the recession, and **expenses far outpace revenues, forcing districts to make tough decisions.** Finding efficiencies won't solve these issues alone. **Schools need your help.** Without adequate support, schools cannot provide students the education they deserve.

## Major issues challenging schools today:

- Unfunded special education mandates
- Aging school facilities
- Increasing student enrollment
- Privatization of education
- Escalating pension and healthcare costs
- Rising labor costs to recruit and retain staff
- Rising inflation and living costs
- Federal, state, and local spending cuts
- Restrictions on raising revenues to offset expenses

Although recent federal investments are welcome, **schools have fewer dollars today than in FY 2011** after adjusting for inflation, **yet they're being asked to do much more** to educate, protect, and provide for students.



Source: The Committee for Education Funding (CEF), <http://cef.org>.

# HOW CAN YOU BE PART OF THE SOLUTION?



## SUPPORT MORE FEDERAL EDUCATION FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

- **Resolve** sequestration, remove budget caps, and invest in education.
- **Ensure** public dollars fund public schools. Oppose private vouchers that funnel taxpayer dollars into unaccountable schools.
- **Fully fund** special education. Match IDEA maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements to ESSA statute.
- **Prioritize** funds for ESSA Title formula grants (I, II, III, and IV) over competitive grants to focus on supporting disadvantaged students, staff training, and after-school and extracurricular programs.



## SUPPORT FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN SCHOOL FACILITIES AND SCHOOL SAFETY.

- **Support** a federal infrastructure plan that incorporates public schools, and acknowledge how school infrastructure and safety issues are interlinked.
- **Support** direct federal and state investment, grants, partnerships, and tax financial reforms to finance facility construction, repair, and maintenance.
- **Support** schools in addressing environmental and public health issues, improving school safety and climate, and providing inclusive facilities that meet all students' educational needs.



## SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS AND EXPAND ACCESS FOR STUDENTS.

- **Reduce** and simplify regulations for nutrition programs to reduce administrative costs and burdens.
- **Provide** non-regulatory support to address unpaid school meal debt and shaming issues.
- **Oppose** nutrition program funding cuts, block grants, and spending caps. These policies cannot account for economic recessions or rising poverty, enrollment, and food costs.
- **Strengthen** the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to help schools feed students affordable and nutritious meals.



## SUPPORT DISTRICTS WITH ADMINISTERING HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS AND COMPLIANCE.

- **Provide** adequate funding, support, training, and resources for districts to implement healthcare regulations.
- **Reduce**, streamline, and sensibly reform healthcare regulations to reduce administrative costs and burdens, especially regarding the ACA employer mandate.
- **Change** the definition for full-time to 35 hours/week. Provide districts flexibility with insurance coverage for substitute staff and related penalties when coverage isn't provided.
- **Oppose** funding cuts, block grants, and spending caps for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to ensure schools can provide affordable student health services.

# LET'S WORK TOGETHER

We all want our children to grow up happy and healthy, equipped with the tools they need to be successful. Let's work together to make public schools the best they can be to guide students to become engaged, productive members of society. By combining your ability to create change through policy and ASBO International members' school finance expertise, we can achieve great things to provide our children a brighter future.



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