



Dear Teacher:

In early March, the Senate will vote on a proposal that will affect ESSA implementation in all 50 states. With the support of the Trump Administration, the Senate leadership wants to use the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify the Obama Administration's final regulation on ESSA. The regulation clarifies ESSA requirements for states in ways that provide important safeguards for students from low-income families, students of color, students with disabilities, and other historically underserved students.

The House already passed this resolution and the President has said he will sign it, so the Senate vote is the last chance to prevent it. If it passes, it would eliminate the voice of the 21,000+ teachers (including Teach Plus teachers), principals, parents, and other advocates whose feedback shaped the final regulation. If the Senate passes this resolution, it would:

- **Decrease low-income students' access to top teachers.** Under the Obama regulation, your state will have to take specific steps to provide students in Title I schools with greater access to excellent teaching (defined as access to effective, in-field, and experienced teachers) AND you state will be required to allocate resources for this purpose. Without the regulation, states can do whatever they want (including continuing their current approaches) to try to address inequitable distribution of teachers, but NO state will have to allocate resources as part of this effort.
- **Decrease low-income schools' access to needed support staff, rigorous curriculum, and full-day pre-K.** Under the Obama regulation, districts are required to identify AND address other resource inequities impacting that struggling schools, including access to advanced coursework, access to full-day kindergarten and preschool, and access to specialized support staff like guidance counselors and social workers. Districts are also required to address and inequities in per-pupil expenditures between struggling and non-struggling schools. Without the regulation, none of these actions are required.

## HOW YOU CAN WEIGH IN:

Sign the letter to the Senate using this [link](#)

- Call your senators at 202-224-3121 to ask them to "Vote NO on the resolution to apply the Congressional Review Act to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) regulations."
- Forward this email to your friends and colleagues.

You can read a fact sheet on the regulation [here](#), and the full regulation is available [here](#).

Thank you!