



CALL TO ACTION

COVID-19 Pandemic Budget Crisis

A LOOMING FISCAL EMERGENCY

Due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, state and local budgets will be under siege across the country. The scale of this economic crisis will quickly deplete any financial reserves states and localities built before the outbreak.

THE NEED FOR FEDERAL AID

Unlike the federal government, states are required to have balanced budgets, meaning that cuts are likely coming without federal help. While Congress has allotted various rounds of COVID-19 stimulus, it has yet to fund states and local governments at the levels needed to avoid crippling public services.

WE CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Our members of Congress need to hear from us! Congress needs to step up and do the right thing for our students and educators by allocating resources to state and local governments.

Specifically, Congress should provide \$175 billion for the Education Stabilization Fund to distribute to states. We cannot afford a generation of students subject to underfunded classrooms due to this pandemic.

TAKE ACTION!

If Congress hears from enough educators, we can secure federal funding for public education.

- Contact your representative today!
- Call **1-855-977-1770** and we will connect you directly to your member of Congress.
- Organize your colleagues to call their representatives.

WHAT TO SAY

Be sure to tell your representative:

- Your name and where you live.
- Ask them to support providing at least \$175 billion for the Education Stabilization Fund to distribute to states.
- Ask them to support \$2 billion for the E-Rate program to close the homework gap.





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EDUCATION FUNDING

Congress should provide at least \$175 billion for the Education Stabilization Fund to distribute to states. These resources should be allocated by formula, for public pre-K through post-secondary education to fill budget gaps caused by declining state and local revenues due to the COVID-19 national emergency.

HOMEWORK GAP

Due to school closures, students are at risk of falling behind their peers because they do not have internet access at home. To address this, Congress should appropriate \$2 billion for the successful E-Rate program, administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), to help schools procure and distribute Wi-Fi hotspots and connected devices to students who don't have them at home.