Dear NDAESP Members,

The following is a summary from Mrs. Kelly Pollitt, the Chief Strategist at NAESP. This week marked the release of the Administration’s FY 2018 budget proposal to Congress. Unfortunately, the comprehensive plan submitted for Congressional consideration continues to cut key education programs (over 21 domestic education programs were cut or eliminated). Unfortunately, this includes wiping out Title II, Part A of ESSA. NAESP issued a press release in coalition with other leading principal and educator support groups, and issued a membership-wide action.

The Franken-Carper letter was drafted by the Senators in hopes to persuade Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations support. The Department of Education is listing as a reason for elimination of Title II as “funds are not being spent on EVIDENCED-BASED strategies.” To that end, Title II funds could be spend on teacher and principal PD that is job-bedded and sustained. This can be done through professional learning networks, mentoring programs, and other personalized PD for principals and teachers.

It has been an interesting year in politics and education funding. See you at Summer Conference!

Thanks for all you do for children,

Jason Hornbacher