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Education and the Workforce Committee

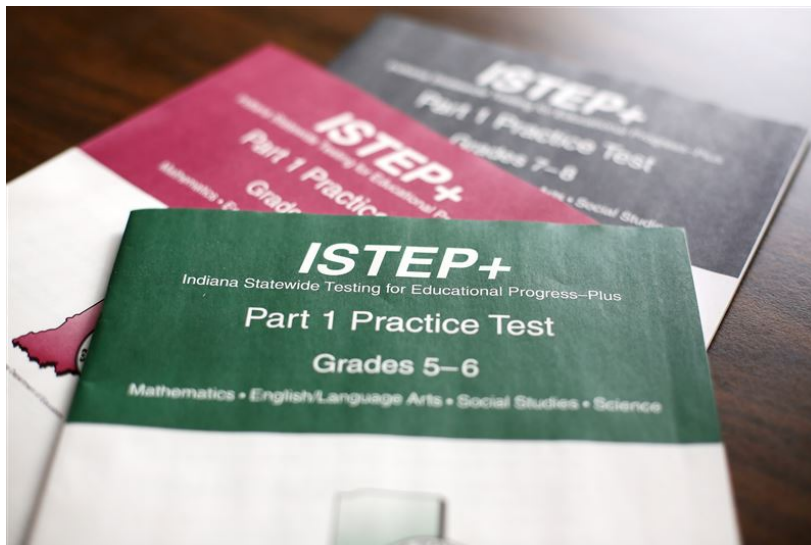
- Chairman of the House Education Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education since 2013.



Education Problems

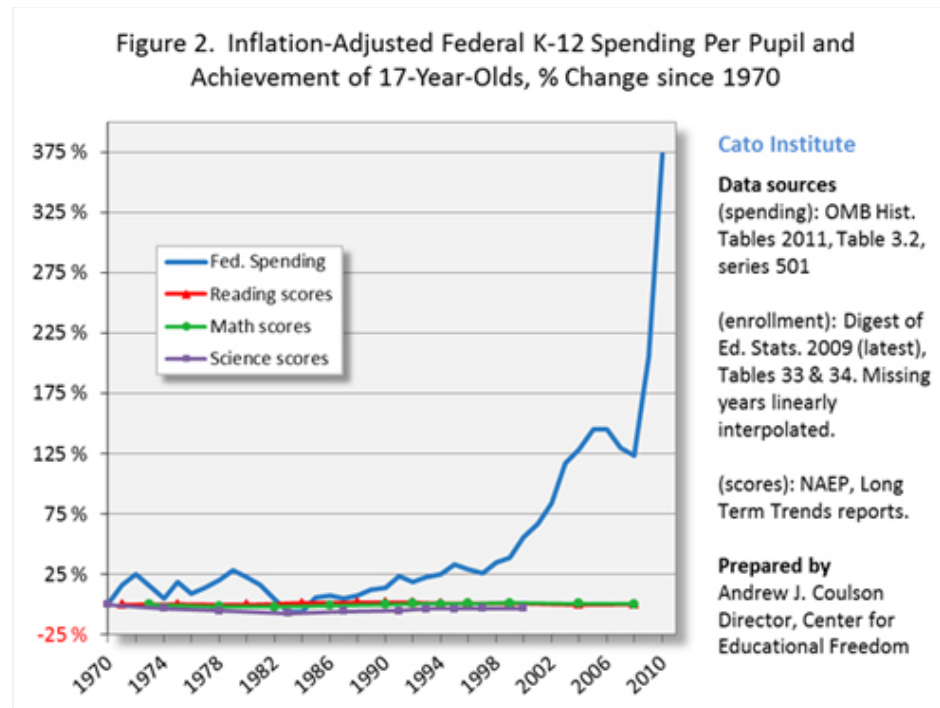


- ISTEP and Testing
- Unrealistic achievement targets
- Department of Education's Common Core



Past “Solutions” Have Failed

Since the 1970’s, spending has increased nearly 300 percent, while test scores have flat-lined.



THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

S. 1177, EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

**“Represent(s) the largest
devolution of federal
control to the states in a
quarter-century.”**

November 29, 2015

Every Student Succeeds Act

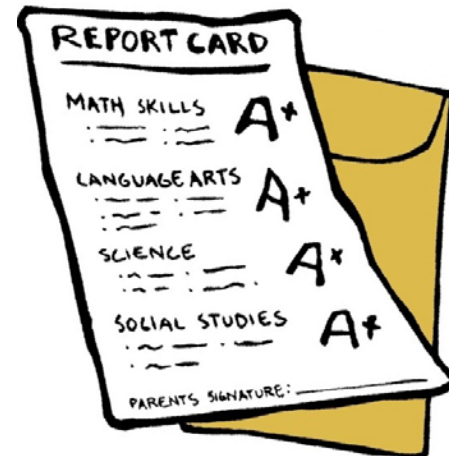
- Ends the one-size-fits all accountability system known as AYP in favor of state and locally driven accountability.
- Eliminates 49 ineffective programs and the bureaucrats associated with them.
- Guts the most egregious parts of No Child Left Behind.
- Makes states responsible for testing and evaluations.

Standing with the President during the ESSA bill signing.



Accountability

- When spending taxpayer dollars, accountability is good.
- ESSA gives states authority to determine success.
- Eliminates Annual Yearly Progress.
- Allows states to determine methodology for teacher assessments.
- Eliminates “Highly Qualified Teacher” definition.



Fighting Over-Regulation



- US DOE has published their proposed accountability rule on 5/31/16.
- 60 Days of public comment.
- ESSA is very clear on what US DOE cannot do.
- The House will hold hearings to enforce our intent.

Fighting Over-Regulation



- Prohibits DOE from forcing Common Core on states
- ESSA is very clear on what US DOE cannot do.
 - Cannot create or require additional federal testing
 - No federal mandates on states' instructional content
 - Cannot interfere with states' teacher evaluation systems
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Flexible Spending

- During my travels to schools around the country, principals and administrators asked me for more flexibility in their spending.
- ESSA allows states and local boards to determine priorities for education spending.



Flexible Spending

- Title IV Part A-Student Support & Academic Enrichment (SSAE) Grants
- \$960 million for education technology and \$640 million for supporting safe and healthy students
- States must submit a plan for use of the grants by showing they:
 - Provide all students with access to a well rounded education
 - Improve school conditions for student learning
 - Improve the use of technology to improve digital literacy



Speaking to the IN Senate Education Committee about ESSA in January 2016.

School Choice



- Creates a 50 district pilot project
- Districts can combine federal, state, and local funding and allocate based on a weighted student formula
- Certain characteristics (English learner status, disabilities, etc.) would receive more per pupil funding
- Student's funding will follow him/her to any public school, including charter
- Allows funds to follow every child, not just those eligible for Title 1

Improving Child Nutrition & Education Act of 2016

- Current standards are unworkable and lead to more waste and hungrier students.
- Proposal solves the problems without adding to the national debt.
- Not one currently-eligible student would lose eligibility.



Community Eligibility Provisions

- Proposal increases threshold from 40% to 60%.
- Increased breakfast reimbursements and improve access to summer meals.
- School breakfast has not had an reimbursement increase since the 1980's.

Hearing directly from students at Cloverdale High School about school lunches

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