



Template Email: Call to Action regarding IDEA Funding

Template email (please personalize this so that you describe what IDEA Full Funding will mean to your District, your budget and what that will do for this population of amazing school kids:

Dear ____:

I serve on the _____ school board and we serve _____[number of] students, --_____% of our students have special education needs which are funded, in part, by federal IDEA dollars. Full funding of IDEA would better provide appropriate services to our most vulnerable students.

I write today to respectfully request Representative ____ [insert last name] cosponsor H.R. 4519, to provide full federal funding of IDEA. This legislation seeks to enable full funding of the federal share of IDEA. As you know, the original legislation was authorized at 40% and therefore, school boards like mine are required to spend money out of our general revenue to close the gap.

This bill is bipartisan in nature and we hope to earn Representative ____'s support. In Florida, the IDEA Full Funding Act would mean ____ to my school board.

As you know, the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) is the voice of education in the state of Florida. FSBA is a nonprofit corporation representing the elected school boards in Florida. FSBA has been the collective voice for Florida school boards since 1930 and is closely allied with other educational and community agencies to work toward improvement of education in Florida. The MISSION of the Florida School Boards Association is to increase student achievement through the development of effective school board leadership and advocacy for public education. Our great state has reached incredible milestones and we hope to continue making great strides, thanks in large part to your Member's support of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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