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Save Smaller Learning Communities!

President Bush has made a special request to Congress to eliminate funding for the Smaller Learning Communities program in order to pay for Hurricane Katrina clean up. Congress should make a decision on this within the next week. Please make a toll free call to your Senators and Representatives today to ask them to save the Smaller Learning Communities program!

Simply call 1-800-426-8073 to be connected toll-free to the Capitol Switchboard. Ask to speak to your Senator or Representative. (If you don't know their names, the people at the Capitol Switchboard can tell you if you give them your zip code. Or, you can visit <http://www.house.gov/> and enter your home address to learn the name of your U.S. Representative or <http://www.senate.gov> for the names of your Senators.)

Tell your Senators and Representative to oppose cuts to the Smaller Learning Communities program and any across-the-board cuts to education programs!

Background:

Republican leaders in Congress have been working to cut spending for programs such as student loans, Medicaid, and food stamps. In an October 26 speech to the Economics Club of Washington, President George W. Bush pushed for additional cuts to discretionary programs such as education, including an across-the-board spending cut. If enacted, an across-the-board spending cut would affect almost every program under the U.S. Department of Education from Title I to GEAR UP and TRIO.

President Bush has also submitted a request for a \$2.3 billion package of "rescissions" that would take back previously appropriated money from fifty-five programs, including the Smaller Learning Communities program. If Congress enacts the president's request, the Smaller Learning Communities program would lose over \$90 million.

The Smaller Learning Communities program provides funds for school districts to help create smaller, more personalized learning environments in large public high schools, which are defined as schools that include grades 11 and 12 and enroll at least 1,000 students in grades 9 and above.

After you are connected to the office of your U.S. Representative, give them your name and address and tell them to oppose any across-the-board cuts to education programs and to oppose taking funding away from the Smaller Learning Communities program. And please, also send an email to all4ed@all4ed.org to let us know that you've acted on this important issue!

We are grateful to the American Friends Service Committee for making this toll free number available.

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