



President Trump's full budget proposal for fiscal year 2018, calls for a \$9.2 billion, or 13.5 percent, spending cut to education.

Today, President Trump released his Fiscal Year 2018 budget. More than \$10 billion in cuts to education are proposed while investing \$1 billion to create a new choice program.

**Now more than ever the nation's ability to remain a global economic, democratic and moral leadership depends on world-class public schools.** The Trump Administration's plan to decimate federal investments in teachers and school leaders, high-quality early learning programs, career, and technical education initiatives, and other critically needed educational opportunities will harm students, families and entire communities.

NASS strongly urges Congress to reject this approach and make the investments needed to prepare every student for success after graduation. Working together, local, state and federal leaders can make a difference for economically struggling communities, but that collaboration must include an unparalleled commitment to equipping all students with the knowledge and skills required for academic, career, and life success.

We look forward to working with superintendents throughout the country to reverse these draconian cuts to our students, teachers and school leaders. NASS is offering a federal advocacy event as part of the 2017 NASS Leadership Conference. The conference is scheduled for October 1-3 in Washington D.C. with a day at the U.S. Capitol scheduled for October 3. The visit to Capitol Hill will include face-to-face meetings with key federal lawmakers, providing an opportunity for educators to advocate on issues impacting education locally and nationally.