

Federal Legislation Endorsed by NAfME

Bill Title	Bill #	Sponsor(s)	Description
Arts Education for All Act	H.R. 2485	Reps. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Don Bacon (R-NE)	This bill aims to expand access to high-quality arts education for early childhood and K–12 students by requiring states and districts to include arts in school improvement plans, support standards-based instruction, and increase access to arts educators, especially in underserved schools.
Department of Education Protection Act	H.R. 433	Rep. Jahanna Hayes (D-CT)	This bill seeks to prevent any unauthorized attempts to dismantle, downsize, or reorganize the U.S. Department of Education using previously appropriated federal funds. It reaffirms that only Congress has the authority to create or eliminate federal agencies, define their structure and mission, delegate responsibilities, and control funding and oversight.
HBCU Arts Education Act	H.R. 2664	Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC)	This bill amends the Higher Education Act to allow federal HBCU grant funds to support arts, arts education, and cultural programs at HBCUs. New eligible uses include providing financial and academic support for students in these fields, establishing outreach and development offices for related departments, and offering wraparound services such as mentorship, work-based learning, counseling, and career advising.
IDEA Full Funding Act	H.R. 2598	Reps. Jared Huffman (D-CA) and GT Thompson (R-PA)	This bill provides permanent, mandatory funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act that assists states and outlying areas in providing special education and related services to children with disabilities.
Respect, Advancement, and Increasing Support for Educators (RAISE) Act	H.R. 1611	Rep. Jahanna Hayes (D-CT)	This bill provides financial support to educators through a \$1,000 refundable tax credit for all eligible school staff, with up to an additional \$14,000 in credits for teachers working in under-resourced schools and communities. It also doubles the educator tax deduction for classroom and supply expenses from \$250 to \$500, and provides an additional \$5.2 billion for Title II to raise educator salaries.
Teacher and School Leader Quality Partnership Grants Act	H.R. 1331	Reps. Jennifer McClellan (D-VA) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)	The bipartisan Teacher and School Leader Quality Partnership Grant Act strengthens the TQP Grant Program by formally defining teacher and school leader residency programs, expanding eligible partnerships to include high- need local educational agencies, schools, early childhood education programs, and partner institutions.