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Classified School Employee of the Year (S 456 and H.R. 1763)

- In the 113th Congress, Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) with 9 Senate Co-sponsors and Congresswoman Dina Titus (D-NV) with 73 House Co-sponsors have sponsored the Annual National Classified School Employee of the Year (CSEY) Act.
- The purpose of the CSEY is to pay tribute to the tireless efforts of our nation's outstanding classified school employees. The award winner will be recognized nationally by the Secretary of Education and the President.
- The House passed CSEY HR 2377 in the 110th Congress on March 15, 2010.

Education Funding

- The Budget Control Act sequestration cuts and long term cuts in education funding do not advance student achievement and success.
- Funding should be maintained for federal education programs such as ESEA/Title I, IDEA, Pell Grant and Head Start to advance student success.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Funding

- When Congress passed and reauthorized the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) (P.L. 108-446) it set a commitment goal to provide 40% federal funding for federal mandated services for students with disabilities.
- Congress should fully fund IDEA. H.R. 4136 is a bipartisan bill to fully fund IDEA sponsored by 3 Democrats and 3 Republicans including Congressman David Reichert (R-WA). Thank you to the sponsors of H.R. 4136 and to the 139 House Members who signed the bipartisan letter to President Obama for IDEA funding.

Pre-school / Early Education

- Congress should support early childhood and preschool initiatives such as the newly funded Early Learning Preschool Grant program at the Department of Education and the Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships program at Health and Human Services.

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act

- Congress should continue the funding for and its long term commitment to the objectives of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

Reauthorization of ESEA/NCLBA

- ESEA should be reauthorized addressing and strengthening paraprofessional training and professional development provisions.