



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Bipartisan Statement of Principles?

A: The Bipartisan Statement of Principles was drafted by state legislators and is being circulated by a nationwide network of legislators who are seeking sensible changes to No Child Left Behind when Congress reauthorizes the law in 2007. The statement was conceived by legislators during the “State Legislator Education Summit” sponsored by Communities for Quality Education (CQE) last December.

Q: How can I add my name to the Bipartisan Statement of Principles?

Legislators can add their name to the statement by:

- Sending an email with the subject line “I Support the Bipartisan Statement of Principles” to syoung@qualityednow.org;
- Registering support online at www.qualityednow.org/statelegresource;
- Faxing a signed statement to: Scott Young, 202-638-5771; or
- Mailing a signed statement to: Scott Young, Communities for Quality Education, 1625 K St. NW, 11th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20006.

Q: If I sign the Statement of Principles, does that mean I oppose No Child Left Behind?

A: The Statement of Principles affirms the goals of No Child Left Behind – closing the achievement gap, providing quality teachers, and increasing accountability at all levels. The legislators who support the statement want to see the law improved so that all children will receive a quality public education.

Q: If I sign the Statement of Principles, how will my name be used?

A: The names of signers to the statement will be highlighted at the online home of this bipartisan effort: www.qualityednow.org/statelegresource. The site is administered by Communities for Quality Education (CQE), a national, non-partisan education advocacy organization. The statement and names of signers may also be referenced in other public communications to demonstrate the tremendous breadth of support for sensible changes to NCLB among legislators in both parties.

Q: Does this effort have a political agenda?

A: The Legislator Network is a bipartisan group of state legislators who are concerned about NCLB and its effect on public education. These legislators are interested in fixing the law to help schools and students in their districts, not in assigning partisan blame.

Q: What is Communities for Quality Education?

A: Communities for Quality Education is a national, non-partisan public education advocacy organization that recognizes the foremost role of state legislators in developing innovative and effective education policies.

Q: Is there date by which I have to sign the Statement of Principles?

A: We are seeking to add legislators as soon as possible, but there is no deadline for signing the statement.

Q: Who should I contact with additional questions?

A: Contact Scott Young at 202-454-5671 or syoung@qualityednow.org.