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Lame-Duck Session Review

- NSBA's Advocacy Campaign Focused on Three Key Issues:
 - Increase IDEA Funding
 - Increase Title I Funding
 - Increase Title II Funding to Support Teacher and Principal Effectiveness
- Political Environment Focused on Cutting Spending
- Results in Short-Term Funding Extension Until Mid-March

Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations

- Negotiations Among Key House and Senate Appropriators Break Down
- Possibility of Government Shutdown if No Agreement by Mid-March

TRUMP TRANSITION



Issues Included in NSBA's Trump Transition Letter

1. Adopt a Timeline and Plan for Fully Funding and Modernizing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
2. Adopt a Clear Vision and Strategy for Expanding, Strengthening, and Retaining the Educator Workforce
3. Promote Digital Access, Digital Literacy, and Student Privacy & Cybersecurity
4. Prioritize Student Health, Wellness, and Safety
5. Strengthen Investments in Title I and Career & Technical Education (CTE)

Education Secretary Nominee Linda McMachon

- Senate confirmation hearing was Thursday, Feb. 13.
- McMachon is likely to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate given previous confirmation as head of the Small Business Administration.
- Joining McMachon in leadership of the department will be **Penny Schwinn**, the former Tennessee education commissioner whom Trump has tapped as deputy education secretary.

TRUMP
EXECUTIVE
ORDERS
IMPACTING
SCHOOLS AND
STUDENTS

Several of President Trump's Executive Orders Directly or Indirectly Impact Schools and Students

- “Sensitive” Locations
 - Download NSBA's 2025 Immigration Guide at nsba.org/legalguides
- Ending Racial Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling
- Expanding Educational Freedom and Opportunity
- Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government
- Dear Colleague of Title IX Enforcement
- Possible Executive Order to Dismantle the Department of Education?



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NSBA Advocacy Priorities for 2025

1. Fully Funding and Modernizing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);
2. Expanding, Strengthening, and Retaining the Educator Workforce;
3. Promoting Digital Access, Digital Literacy, and Cybersecurity;
4. Prioritizing Student Health, Wellness, and Safety, including school-based health care, mental health services, and school nutrition programs;
5. Strengthening Investments in Title I and Career & Technical Education; and
6. Opposing School Vouchers in All Their Forms

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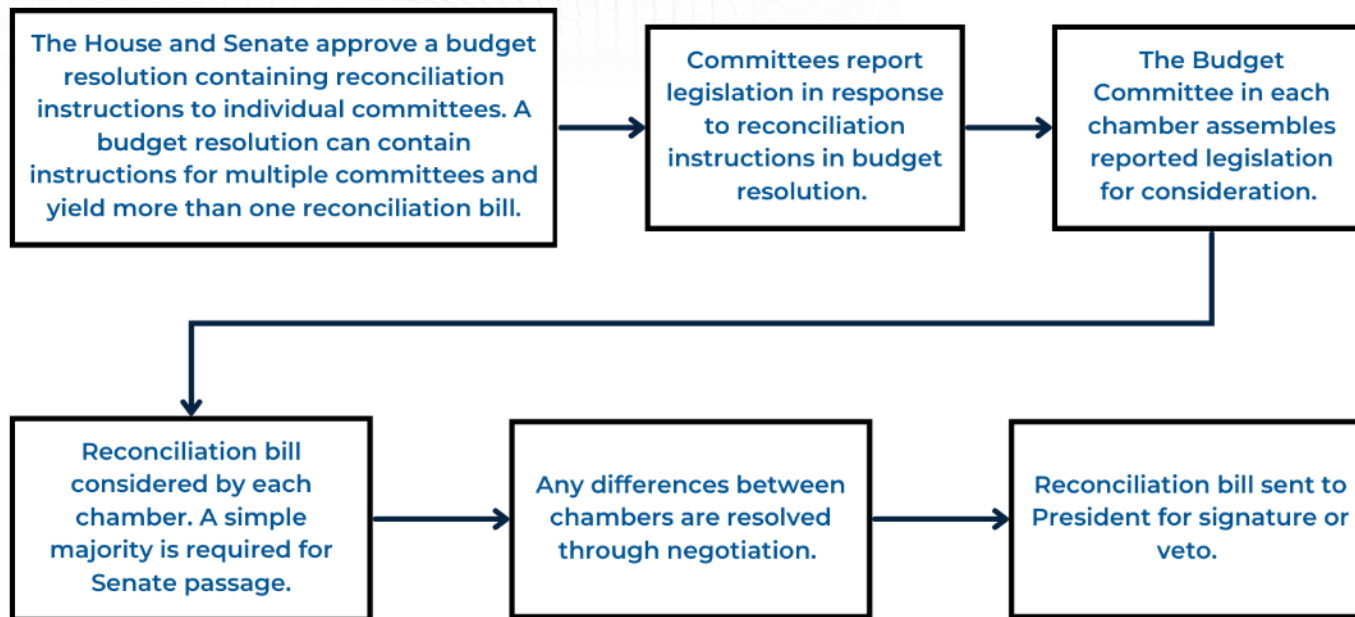


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Budget Reconciliation Process Primer

The Budget Reconciliation process provides a mechanism to advance fiscal legislation with a simple majority in both the House and Senate. Here's how it works.



Potential Budget Resolution Schedule

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| WEEK OF JAN 27th | Member Retreats, Final Decisions and Drafting (House Recess) |
| WEEK OF FEB 3rd | Budget Resolution released, Budget Committee Markup |
| WEEK OF FEB 10th | House Floor Consideration |
| WEEK OF FEB 17th | Senate Floor Consideration |
| WEEK OF FEB 24th | Final House Consideration if Senate Makes Changes |

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119th Congress—New Legislation of Note

Educational Choice for Children Act

- Introduced by Sens. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) and Tim Scott (R-LA) and U.S. Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE).
- Would create a charitable donation—up to \$10 billion in annual tax credits—and establish a national, federal voucher program that would divert billions in tax dollars to private schools and families who homeschool.
- The legislation is fiscally irresponsible, enables student discrimination, undermines local control of education, and would severely damage public schools that educate 90% of American children.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR:

- Budget reconciliation bills are a technical workaround that avoids the Senate filibuster and allows a law to be passed with a simple majority in the Senate—51 votes.
- Budget reconciliation bills could include provisions on tax cuts, immigration, and even the Educational Choice for Children Act mentioned above.





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