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Protect Education Funding

Urge Congress to support an FY07 budget that restores education funding

On Feb. 1, President George W. Bush released his budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07), which included a \$2.1 billion cut to education funding over the next five years. Programs targeted for elimination include Perkins Vocational Education, student financial aid, and programs to help students with college preparation.

A budget is a statement of a nation's priorities. Unfortunately, education programs would face very deep cuts over the next five years under the president's proposal. Forty-two education programs are slated for elimination, including vital programs like: Perkins Vocational Education, Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA), student aid programs like the Perkins loan program, gifted and talented programs, arts education, physical education, and programs which prepare students to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

Even No Child Left Behind, a signature program for President Bush, would be funded \$15.4 billion below the level authorized by Congress. To add insult to injury, these cuts come on the heels of the largest cuts to federal student financial aid in our nation's history which were recently signed into law by the president in the budget reconciliation bill. AAUW believes these are the wrong priorities.

Take Action!

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