Support for Theatre Education

**Assistance for Arts Education Program (AAE)**
- We request this program be funded at **$40 million** in FY 2024.

**National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)**
- We request this agency be funded at **$211 million** in FY 2024.

**Institute of Education Sciences (IES)**
- We request at least **$4 million** for IES in FY 2024 to implement a Fast Response Survey System study in the arts and that IES support other external efforts to collect data on access and participation in a wide variety of theatre and other arts education programs.

**IES National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP)**
- We support funding at a level sufficient in FY 2024 to include the arts, economics, foreign(world) languages, and geography as part of the annual Nation’s Report Card.

**Student Support**

**Title I, Part A**
- We request this program be funded at **$20.5 billion** in FY 2024.
- We also request Congress to include language in the annual Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill directing the U.S. Department of Education to issue guidance for states and districts on the use of Title I funds to support theatre and other arts education as part of a “well-rounded education.”

**Title IV, Part A**
- We request this program be funded at **$1.48 billion** in FY 2024, as advised by the Title IV-A Coalition.

**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) State Grant program (Part B)**
- We request this program be funded at **$19.5 billion** in FY 2024.
- We also request that Congress explore pathways for the federal government to pay 40% of the average per pupil expenditure for special education.
Nita Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers

- We request this program be funded at $2 billion in FY 2024.

Educator Support

Title II, Part A

- We request this program be funded at $2.4 billion in FY 2024.
- We also request Congress to include language in the annual Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill directing the U.S. Department of Education to issue guidance for states and districts on the use of Title II funds to support professional learning opportunities for theatre and other arts educators.

Augustus F. Hawkins Center for Excellence program—Designed to support comprehensive teacher preparation programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and other minority-serving institutions (MSIs).

- We request this program be funded at $300 million in FY 2024.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Arts Education for All Act

(to be re-introduced by Representative Suzanne Bonamici [OR-01])

The Arts Education for All Act would:

- expand arts education and programming to America's youngest learners, preK-12 students, and youths impacted by the juvenile justice system.
- support the professional development of arts educators and amend the ESEA to provide more oversight into the implementation of arts education programs.
- require research on arts education by the National Center for Education Research and the collection of data on arts education by the National Center for Education Statistics

The Pay Teachers Act

(to be introduced by Senator Bernie Sanders [VT-D])

The Pay Teachers Act would:

- triple Title I-A funding to $36.77 billion and help raise annual teacher salaries to at least $60,000.
- triple funding for Rural Education programs ($430 million),
- provide additional $1 billion for the Bureau of Indian Education. diversify and expand the teacher pipeline through a range of new grant programs. supports the teaching profession by expanding leadership and advancement opportunities.