

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 8

October 16, 2007

### Reauthorization of NCLB

1. Yesterday, October 15, 2007 at a Town Meeting in Rogers, Arkansas, President Bush said, “Any effort to weaken No Child Left Behind Act will get a presidential veto” claiming that changes in the program would diminish the impact of helping children to achieve. That seems to coincide with Secretary Spellings belief that NCLB is 99% pure.

The President has not changed his position that he will veto the Education Appropriations Bill.

2. Meanwhile, it seems that the House is slowing down as a result of dealing with the many constituencies who see a need for change in NCLB. November and the elections will soon be here. It goes without saying that if we are to have a final bill it needs to be done in October.