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MORE ON REAUTHORIZATION

1. Now is your chance to have direct input on the reauthorization of NCLB. The Leadership of the House Education and Labor Committee released a staff discussion draft for the Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. It contains a cover letter to the Education Stakeholders, A Summary of the Discussion Draft (11 pages) and the Discussion Draft (435 pages). You can access it on the Committee website at <http://edlabor.house.gov>. I recommend that at a minimum you read the 11 page summary.
2. The summary contains more specifics on the issues that we have been discussing: secondary programs, multiple indicators/assessments, growth models, performance index, N size, English Language Learner's Assessment, Special Education Assessment, Peer Review, Report Cards, School Improvement, Academic Achievement Awards, Parental Involvement, Qualifications of Teachers and Paraprofessionals, Comparability, Graduation Rates, and issues from other federal programs.
3. After you review the Summary of Discussion Draft and the actual Draft (if you have time), you are ask to submit any comments to [ESEA.Comments@mail.house.gov](mailto:ESEA.Comments@mail.house.gov) by September 5, 2007. I guess the expectation of Congressmen Miller and McKeon is you devote your Labor Day Holiday weekend to read this massive document.
4. Rick Carder, a member and officer of the National Association of the Federal Education Program Administrators (NAFEPA) attended a Town Meeting yesterday in California on NCLB with Congressman Miller, Chair of the House Education Labor Committee. Congressman Miller reported that his timeline is to move this document and have the House vote by late September.
5. You should also consider calling your Congressman or his Education staffer to make sure he understands what you think is important. Now is your chance to give your opinion and make a difference.