

## President's 2017 Federal Budget Proposal

On February 9, 2016, President Barack Obama released his \$4.1 trillion [FY 2017 budget](#) request which includes investments to improve academic achievement, empower students with the computer science skills needed for a 21st century economy, and expand access to high-quality preschool. This is the President's eighth and final budget proposal to Congress.

The proposed budget increases the investment in Title I by \$450 million over the FY 2016 appropriation level for a total funding level of \$15.4 billion. These funds are designated for interventions and support for schools in need of improvement and will be helpful to states and school districts as they develop new plans to advance academic achievement under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Unfortunately, the proposed investment in special education funding remains static at the FY 2016 budget level of \$11.9 billion.

### Specifically, President Obama's FY 2017 budget proposes the following:

- Increase the investment in Title I grants for disadvantaged students by \$450 million for a total of \$15.4 billion – this will help support student achievement efforts at roughly 90 percent of the 14,000 school districts across the nation.
- Invests \$4 billion in mandatory funding over three years for the new [Computer Science for All initiative](#), which includes \$100 million for new discretionary grants to school districts in order to promote innovative strategies for high-quality instruction and other learning opportunities in computer science. Also included is more than \$135 million in investments by the National Science Foundation and the Corporation for National and Community Service to support and train computer science teachers.
- A \$63 million increase in English Language Acquisition grants to school districts (\$800 million).
- A \$77 million increase in career and technical education (CTE).
- \$35 million for school kitchen equipment grants through the U.S. Department of Agriculture to update equipment that will support school food authorities in preparing healthy meals that comply with federal nutrition standards for school lunch and breakfast (the proposed funding is a \$10 million increase over FY 2016).
- Increases the investment in IDEA Preschool Grants—an increase of \$80 million compared to the FY 2016 level.

- \$125 million for a new Teacher and Principal Pathways program - grants to institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations, working closely with school districts, to create or expand high-quality pathways into the teaching profession, particularly into high-needs schools and high-need subjects such as science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).
- Expands access to high-quality child care for more than 1.1 million additional children under age 4 by 2026.
- Increasing funding for Head Start—an increase of \$434 million compared to the FY 2016 level.
- An increase of \$55 million in the Promise Neighborhoods program to support new grants in up to 15 distressed communities seeking to break the cycle of poverty through the development and implementation of comprehensive cradle-to-college supports for children and families.

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