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Learning and Education Academic Research Network
Advancing the Sciences of Teaching and Learning

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The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Committee on Health, Education, Labor
and Pensions
United States Senate
154 Russell House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Burr
Ranking Member
Committee on Health, Education, Labor
and Pensions
United States Senate
217 Russell House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Murray and Ranking Member Burr:

We are writing to express our strong support of the inclusion of \$100 million for the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) in the Committee on Education and Labor's budget reconciliation bill. We strongly urge the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) to also include this important provision in its reconciliation bill. We would greatly appreciate your leadership on this important topic and stand ready to assist in advocating for this critical funding and ensuring its greatest impact.

The Learning and Education Academic Research Network (LEARN), a coalition of 36 leading research colleges of education across the country, supports critical investments in research aimed at advancing the scientific understanding of learning and development. As Deans of Schools of Education that know firsthand the importance of developing reliable evidence, we advocate that \$100 million go towards IES to conduct critical education research.

With the staggering learning loss being experienced by students due to the pandemic, we must provide \$100 million to IES. Education research provides the bedrock of knowledge used by our principals, teachers, counselors, and professors to help preK-12 students and those seeking a postsecondary education succeed. Without a critical examination of what works and what does not work to further knowledge, our education systems would be left to the same curriculum, instructional techniques, and assessments, regardless of whether they spur student success. This additional funding would allow IES to conduct research on the education tools needed to respond to COVID-19's learning loss.

Thank you for your attention to our request to provide \$100 million for IES in the Committee's reconciliation bill. Our schools have never had to cope with learning loss of this magnitude and this additional funding will assist in ensuring that the education recovery from COVID-19 is based on research and evidence-based practice.

Sincerely,

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