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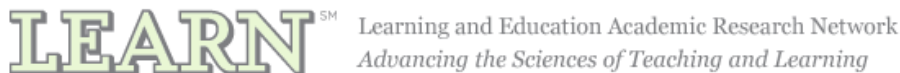
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February 8, 2021

The Honorable Bobby Scott  
Chairman, Education and Labor Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
2176 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Chairman Scott:

We are writing to express our gratitude and very strong support for your inclusion of \$100 million for the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) in your Committee's budget reconciliation bill. We 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 thank you for providing greater funding for these priorities at the IES.

With the staggering learning loss being experienced by students due to the pandemic, we commend the decision to 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 will allow IES to conduct research on the education tools needed to respond to COVID-19's learning loss.

Thank you again for your leadership in providing \$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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