

# Waste Land: K-12 ED Policy Recommendations

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## Parental Rights

- Make clear that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) gives parents complete access to their children's educational records; give parents and adult students the right to seek injunctive and declaratory relief by means of a private right of action against educational institutions that abrogate rights enumerated in FERPA and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment; and enact a Parents' Bill of Rights, which enumerates parental rights and requires any laws or regulations that might abrogate them to satisfy "strict scrutiny" judicial review.

## Title I Grants

- Amalgamate the four Title I grants into one simple formula grant program.

## Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

- Relocate here all K-12, postsecondary, and research special education programs.
- Reform the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) so that it does not impose unfunded, undefined mandates on the states or school districts.

## Ed-Flex

- Universalize the state freedoms in Ed-Flex, without any "accountability safeguards."

## School Support and Accountability

- Retain *Grants for State Assessments – Title I-B* and *Competitive Grants for State Assessments – Title I-B Competitive* and relocate or eliminate all other programs.

## Discretionary Grants & Support Services

- Create a new Office of School Choice, Charter Schools, and Gifted Education; relocate to this office all relevant programs; and eliminate this old office and its remaining programs.

## Relocate

- Relocate to the Department of Health of Human Services: Rehabilitative Services; programs devoted to real emergencies; and the Office of Migrant Education.
- Relocate to the Bureau of Indian Education the Office of Indian Education.
- Relocate to Department of Defense Education Activity all programs and expenditures for the children of military personnel.
- Relocate to the National Endowment for the Arts' Arts Education all Arts programs.

## Eliminate

- Eliminate the American Rescue Plan, Education Stabilization Fund, Effective Educator Development Programs, Innovation and Early Learning Programs, Office of Multilingual Initiatives, Office of Program and Grantee Support Services, Office of State and Grantee Relations and Evidence Based Practices, and School Infrastructure Programs.
- Eliminate all Safe and Supportive Schools programs not devoted to real emergencies.
- Eliminate Rural Education Achievement Program and alter the formula for Title I grants to provide compensatory advantage for rural districts.