

FYI, in case you didn't get this alert from NEA. Illinois State Senator Mark Kirk is the lead sponsor on this ESEA Amendment that **NEA is supporting**. To help out NEA, please contact **Senator Kirk to thank him** for his leadership on this Amendment and contact **Senator Dick Durbin to ask for his support**. Please read the email below from NEA for more information and the number to contact our Senators. The debate has started and your call is important, so please act soon. Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you.



Dear Michelle,

As you know, the Senate began debate on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) today.

**We need your HELP on this bill right now. Why?** There is an amendment that will change the way we assess our schools and students.

The Kirk / Reed amendment expands the federal "opportunity dashboard" that would identify resource gaps and hold states accountable for providing meaningful opportunity for all students to learn.

That means it's more likely that students will get the same opportunities – advanced classes, music, libraries – no matter what ZIP code they live in. **We need your help pushing this amendment forward.**

**Will you call your senator right now? Call 1-866-331-7233 to be connected.**

All students should attend schools with inviting classrooms, a well-rounded curricula, and the support services they need -- from healthy meals and a secure campus to professional librarians and counselors who can help them follow their dreams.

The Kirk / Reed amendment would measure these things through an opportunity dashboard. **Please call 1-866-331-7233 now and urge your senator to support the Kirk / Reed amendment.**

Thank you for helping to push this bill in the right direction. Please go one step further and ask your senators to support this critical amendment.

Best,

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P.S. When you're done, [will you help invite others to weigh in on this amendment to increase our momentum?](#)