

# House Republicans introduce bill to expand school choice and repeal nutrition standards

## Choices in Education Act of 2017

H.R.610 – 115<sup>th</sup> Congress



### Repeals Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- Signed into law by Obama in 2015, reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) with bipartisan support
- Allows states to develop accountability systems, ending the federal test-based accountability system of No Child Left Behind
- Provides resources to states to support teachers in various activities and to recruit new educators
- Supports state efforts to teach English as a second language
- Uses district-based assessments to target funding
- Programs for American Indian students
- Uses federal funds for early childhood programs
- Aims to give critical support to homeless students



### Repeals school health standards

- Repeals nutrition standards for the national school lunch and breakfast programs
- Promoted by Michelle Obama, the standards emphasized availability of fruits, vegetables and whole grains and reduced levels of sodium and saturated and trans fats

### Voucher program:

The bill is designed to distribute federal funds for education in the form of vouchers. It sets in place a program that allows states to distribute block grant funds among local educational agencies (LEAs) based on the number of eligible children within each LEA. The bill also limits the authority of the Department of Education so that it is only authorized to award block grants to qualified students.

Introduced

Passed House

Passed Senate

To President

Became Law