

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
The Capitol, S-230
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
The Capitol, H-232
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Democratic Leader Schumer, and Republican Leader McCarthy:

As educators, school leaders, students, parents, families, and communities deal with the immediate impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), there is an unprecedented need to provide robust federal funding to ensure that America's public students are able to continue their education and access the critical learning supports, during this national emergency. To that end, we strongly urge Congress to pass a comprehensive COVID-19 response package that includes, among other issues, a new remote learning support program that provides targeted funding to ensure that all of America's students can continue to learn at home. We do not

those two buckets on activities to improve the effective use of technology, with a 15% cap on hardware, devices, and software. Among the several dozens of allowable uses in Title IV-A, districts have successfully been utilizing these funds since 2018 in innovative ways to meet a wide range of needs across an incredibly diverse geographic demographic landscape.

Since FY 2018, Congress has provided a \$3 billion investment for Title IV-A, which has allowed districts to build on the investments over the years across all 3 buckets the program supports. In fact, the [Coalition's survey of 1,000 districts](#) across the country indicated that 90% of district leaders considered Title IV-A funding "very important" and the overwhelming anecdotal evidence has proven that this funding is being used in innovative and flexible ways to support the unique needs of districts across the country.

