

NSBA Presents School Board Petitions to New Senate Budget Committee Chair

Today, NSBA Executive Director Thomas J. Gentzel presented Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) with more than [360](#) local school board resolutions urging Congress to stop sequestration (pictured above). Gentzel thanked Senator Murray for her efforts and stated the deep concern of local school boards regarding sequestration. Senator Murray, co-chaired the Joint Committee on Deficit Reduction (also known as the Supercommittee) and is a strong supporter of education and a former school board member. She will chair the Senate Budget Committee during the 113th Congress.



In addition to the private meeting with Senator Murray, the National School Boards Association also met with and presented the first round of resolutions to key House and Senate offices – Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Speaker John Boehner (R-OH-8), House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-8) and Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK). Last Friday, November 30, the resolutions were also presented to the White House. The feedback NSBA received from both Congress and the Administration is a great appreciation for the resolutions as they show the impact locally. Don't miss the [opinion editorial published in POLITICO](#) from NSBA President C. Ed Massey, which details how the across-the-board cuts would affect school districts, and has been acknowledged by the White House and a number of congressional offices.

Please continue to adopt resolutions as they help us influence negotiations to avoid the “fiscal cliff,” which, in part, would impose across-the-board budget cuts to education programs under sequestration. Please forward copies to kbranch@nsba.org and to your members of Congress, urging their support to “amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.”

For more information on sequestration as well as tools that you can utilize in your local advocacy efforts to contact your members of Congress and raise the level of awareness about sequestration in your communities, please visit www.nsba.org/stopsequestration.

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