

## Castle Urges Delawareans to Participate in Update of No Child Left Behind -- September 10, 2007

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-- Today, Representative Mike Castle (R-DE), along with Members of the Committee on Education and Labor heard from education, labor, and civil rights organizations on a discussion draft of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

Within the last month, Representative Castle along with Senior Members of the House Committee on Education and Labor, Chairman George Miller (D-CA), Subcommittee Chairman Dale Kildee (D-MI), and Senior Republican Howard McKeon (R-CA), posted a discussion draft of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). As Congress begins to reauthorize the ESEA, more widely known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB), the most comprehensive education reform overhaul ever enacted, Rep. Castle invites Delawareans to review the proposed legislation and email him with feedback.

"As we move forward with the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind, we will hear from educators and parents around the country about what is working and elements needing improvement in current NCLB law," Castle said. "Such input will impact how Congress reforms current law and I encourage interested Delawareans to participate in this process. By working together, we can ensure that every child receives a quality education."

This discussion draft currently posted includes language on various issues affecting K-12 education such as: accountability and assessments; growth models; state and local standards and assessments; multiple indicators; provisions regarding special education students; provisions regarding English language learners; resources for turning around low-performing schools; provisions addressing high school accountability; state and school report cards; school improvement measures; and school dropout prevention measures, as well as provisions to improve teacher and principal quality.

To view the current discussion draft of NCLB, obtain a summary of the discussion draft, or view other issues pertaining to NCLB, go to <http://republicans.edlabor.house.gov>.

To share your feedback on the discussion draft and summary please log onto our website at [www.castle.house.gov](http://www.castle.house.gov) and click on "E-mail Mike."

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