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On Oct 22, 2011, at 3:57 PM, cdcerf@gmail.com wrote:

> I'm ok with the changes you suggest, but don't want to wait. Had hoped we could have worked this into the first letter, so not eager to wait longer, especially as this seems to be gathering momentum. Thx.
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> Chris
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> Couple of points for consideration:
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> 1. The bill passed out of committee on Thursday evening. The next action with the Senate won't be until Nov. 8 when they'll have a final hearing before it gets referred to the Senate floor. I mention that only in the sense of timing – meaning we can wait until Monday or even closer to the Nov. 8th hearing if we want.

2. Do you want to include a more specific mention of the teacher effectiveness backtracking? As a quick reminder, under the compromise bill last weekend, States are not required to develop and adopt new teacher and principal evaluations based in part on student achievement, or to distribute teachers equitably among high-poverty and high-minority schools based on their effectiveness. Both become optional.

   If so, we could modify the last sentence in the first paragraph to: "We are particularly disappointed that they would endorse the same retreat from accountability that national special interest groups are seeking, particularly in not requiring that teacher and principal evaluations be based in part on student achievement."

3. Do you want to include any additional reaction to what passed? The one nod toward our earlier statement came from Sen. Alexander who introduced an amendment that adds a 7th turnaround model that can be State defined as long as it is approved by the Department of Education. The bill also allows a State to take over a low-achieving school and act as the LEA if it is permitted under state law. Under that takeover, the State could more directly intervene in how the LEA spends funds and selects interventions.

   Finally – I'm attempting to get a sense of if Senate leadership will bring this bill to the floor or not. The Administration is an awkward position with this because they support some of the reforms, are against others (including the scratching of their waiver strategy).

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I am all in!

On Sat, Oct 22, 2011 at 11:55 AM, Jaryn Emhof (jaryn@afloridapromise.org) <jaryn@afloridapromise.org> wrote:

Chiefs,

The below statement will be going out today from Chris, Hanna, Tony and Eric. Please let me know ASAP if you want to be included.

Thanks,
Jaryn

“In today’s economy, it’s more important than ever that we give all our children the excellent education they deserve. That’s why we are disappointed that senators from both parties are backtracking on reforms that would hold teachers and principals accountable for what matters most: helping students learn. We are particularly disappointed that they would endorse the same retreat from accountability that national special interest groups are seeking.

The federal government shouldn’t tell us how to run our schools, but it has a right to demand results when we take taxpayer money intended to help students. Our country can’t afford to keep sending billions of dollars a year to schools without asking whether teachers are actually helping students learn. Now is not the time to turn away from common-sense reforms that value results over bureaucratic red tape.”

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