Happy International Day of Education!

The first weeks of 2019 predict an exciting and productive year for education advocacy with the Global Campaign for Education-US, from inspiring legislative successes in the past month to the first-ever International Day of Education today. Please join in taking action to support education for all!

Grow the Movement: The start of the new year is a great time to become a sustaining donor with the Global Campaign for Education-US so that we can together accomplish even more. Thanks to your support, we will amplify our advocacy and partnership efforts this year, build new champions for global education, and empower advocates and leaders in our Youth Engagement Program. Please give today!

Here's a round-up of accomplishments & opportunities:

Today, January 24th, marks the first-ever International #EducationDay! The following toolkits include actions and visuals to
Today is the first-ever International Day of Education!

- Share images and messaging from the Global Campaign for Education Secretariat [here](https://mailchi.mp/gce-us/2019educationday).
- Watch the Education Day High-Level Event at the United Nations [live](https://mailchi.mp/gce-us/2019educationday) at 10am ET.
- UNESCO's Education Day resources & social media pack.

**January 16th:** GCE-US launched the first-ever Disability Inclusive Education Community of Practice with over 35 participants. The launch focused on advocacy and knowledge sharing goal setting to move disability-inclusive education from the margins to the very center of all education programs and activities, so that we can ensure all children and youth access their rights to quality education.

- Are you interested in participating in the Disability-Inclusive Education Community of Practice? Please contact Anna Martin ([amartin@gce-us.org](mailto:amartin@gce-us.org)).

**January 14th:** The Protecting Girls' Access to Education in Vulnerable Settings Act was signed into law. GCE-US, together with partners including Girl Up and JRS/USA, have supported this legislation since 2017. You can thank your Members of Congress for supporting this bill [here](https://mailchi.mp/gce-us/2019educationday).

**New Congress:** We are pleased to welcome Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) as a new Co-Chair of the Congressional International Basic Education Caucus. Learn more [here](https://mailchi.mp/gce-us/2019educationday).
January 9th: The Women’s Entrepreneurship and Economic Empowerment Act (WEEE Act) was successfully signed into law. The bipartisan legislation was led by former Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce (R-CA), Congresswoman Lois Frankel (D-FL), Senator John Boozman (R-AR) and Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD). The law will act to reduce gender disparities in education, political, economic, entrepreneurship, and supports for women and girls globally. Read more here.

Act Now

Foreign assistance makes up just 1% of the federal budget. For only 1% of the entire federal budget, the United States can ensure that it continues to promote welfare and security around the world by funding quality education, supporting peace over violence, and establishing strong diplomatic relations with other countries.

Please take action today and contact your Member of Congress to tell them to support global education funding here.
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Upcoming:

Save the Date: Global Action Week for Education 2019 kicks off April 24th-May 1st with the theme “Our Education, Our Right(s).” We take action during this week -- and every week -- to together achieve Sustainable Development Goal 4 focused on education, globally and locally. We would love to hear your ideas for actions you would like to take! Please contact us at: info@gce-us.org

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