Making Education a Priority
Global Campaign for Education - US Update
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Make an impact today!

- We urge you to take action to defend against budget cuts and send a message to your Members of Congress today!
- Watch Unifying the Playing Field: local and global moments to advance the right to education. Click here to tweet the video and to hold governments accountable to SDG 4, universal quality education!

On the Hill:
Thank you all for your work pushing for global education to be fully funded by U.S. Congress!

The House has marked up and passed their version of the State and Foreign
the Global Partnership for Education, and at least $25 million for the Education Cannot Wait Fund.

**Great work! However, our job is not over yet.** The appropriations process in the Senate is underway. We will continue to advocate with the Senate to approve the House numbers and language. Your voice and advocacy are critical - please take action today!

**Legislation**

**Safe Schools Resolution:** Urge Congress to support House Resolution (H.R.) 277 that condemns attacks on education and underscores the importance of safe schools for children. [Take action now with Save the Children.](#)

**Ending Violence Against Children Resolution:** This resolution calls on Congress to recognize the economic consequences of violence against children and youth and its impact on their access to quality education. [Ask your representative to support the resolution here with World Vision.](#)

**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Funding:** The federal share of IDEA has fallen to less than 14%, the lowest level since 2001. Urge your Members of Congress to [co-sponsor and support the IDEA Full Funding Act (S. 866/H.R. 1878)](#) with the National Education Association Fund to ensure students with disabilities can access critical services.

**What's Happening at GCE-US?**

**RESULTS International Conference**

**July 16th:** GCE-US joined the Education Global Practice meeting at the World Bank led by Aaron Merchen of RESULTS. The event took place during the RESULTS annual International Conference, and included partners from Tanzania and the UK. Hundreds of advocates from across the country and around the globe raised their voices to policymakers on issues of equity and social justice.

**AMP Global Scholars**

**July 3rd:** GCE-US met with three student sessions from the AMP Global
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Scholar program throughout the month to discuss the global education agenda and how to plan for successful advocacy strategies. Global Scholar is an international relations intensive program that advances the knowledge and skills high school and college students need to make social change on a local and global scale.

Inclusive Education

**June 19th:** During the June GCE-US Inclusive Education Community of Practice meeting, Daniel Mont, the Co-President of the Center for Inclusive Policy, and Leah Maxson of USAID, spoke about the importance of collecting data on children with disabilities. To get involved in the Inclusive Education Community of Practice please contact Anna Martin at amartin@gce-us.org.

**July 10th:** “Civil society has a fearlessness to be that voice for children in conflict and crisis.” The *Education Cannot Wait* secretariat team met with civil society advocates from Global Citizen, JRS/USA, Light for the World, Malala Fund, Oxfam Ibis, ONE Campaign, and the Global Campaign for Education-US.

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**Global Education Advocacy**

**July 4-5th:** The [G7 Development and Education Ministers](https://www.g7.gov.uk/g7-development-and-education-ministers), UNESCO International Conference on Innovating for Girls' and Women Empowerment through Education and the C7 gathering of civil society organizations convened in Paris. Read Alice Albright's (GPE) statement welcoming G7 ministers’ commitment to support children’s education globally.
4. You can watch the education SDG 4 discussion at the United Nations here.

July 12th: RESULTS, Light for the World, the Global Campaign for Education, and GCE-US convened the special event, "Unifying the Playing Field: local and global moments to advance the right to education." Throughout the day leaders from around the globe shared insights on the best practices and challenges we need to overcome for building sustainable, gender equitable, inclusive, peaceful and resilient societies. Watch the event here.

July 13th: The Global Campaign for Education Caucus
GCE-US members from Light for the World, PDRC International, and RESULTS took active part in the discussion on the High Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development with GCE partners from around the globe.

For Your Reading List

Report Launches:
Asia Pacific Civil Society Spotlight Reports on SDG 4 prepared by ASPBAE and national education coalitions in 16 countries in the Asia-Pacific Region

Education International: [Off Track: Educators Assess Progress Towards SDG 4](https://mailchi.mp/gce-us/july2019)
UNESCO: [Her Education, Our Future](https://mailchi.mp/gce-us/july2019)

### Latest Blogs & Editorials:

- [A No Brainer: Advocating for Early Childhood Education](https://mailchi.mp/gce-us/july2019): Rachel Wisthuff, Assistant Director, OPPA, UNICEF USA
- [Four Pillars of Inclusion](https://mailchi.mp/gce-us/july2019): Beth Offenbacker, PhD, Waterford

Would you or your organization like to write a GCE-US blog? Please send us your idea at: [info@gce-us.org](mailto:info@gce-us.org)

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### Upcoming: See you there!

- GCE-US Coalition Meeting, **July 25th 10:30-11:30 am**, 1201 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036. [RSVP Here](#).
- **August 19th**: World Humanitarian Day
- **September 8th**: International Literacy Day

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