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The Elementary and Secondary Education Act, or NCLB as it is more commonly known now, is undergoing a reauthorization this year. Two weeks ago it moved through the Senate committee process and is now headed to the floor. Here is a good summary of the bill at this point.

<https://www.nsba.org/newsroom/press-releases/national-school-boards-association-calls-ecaa-vote-great-victory>

NSPRA membership and conference

First time NSPRA members who register by May 15th receive a \$100 discount. Also, it is not too late to consider attending NSPRA's annual conference, which is being held in Nashville from July 12 – 15th. Here is a link to all the information about the conference. <http://www.nspira.org/national-seminar>

The PenSPRA Library

Did you know PenSPRA has a collection of book about public relations and school public relations that all members are able to borrow? Here is a list of the available titles.

Job Opportunity

The Lehigh Career and Technical Institute is looking for a Public Relations Coordinator. Note the deadline to apply is April 30th. Here is the information.

News from around the state and nation

PA Supreme Court rules on charter schools and the Right-to-Know Law

http://articles.philly.com/2007-11-22/news/25224924_1_charter-schools-charter-school-law-school-districts

The IFO says Gov Wolf's proposals will increase taxes for all taxpayers

<http://www.theplsreporter.com/Home/TabId/56/ArtMID/472/ArticleID/679/IFO-report-says-Gov-Wolf%E2%80%99s-revenue-proposals-will-increase-taxes-across-all-income-levels.aspx>

How ESEA made it past the Senate committee

<http://www.politico.com/story/2015/04/nclb-bill-alexander-murray-and-shake-shack-117094.html>

Another summary of the ESEA rewrite

<http://www.arteducators.org/advocacy/advocacy-esea-reauthorization>

The Senate draft of the rewritten No Child Left Behind Act adds writing, music, computer science, technology, and physical education to the list of disciplines it defines as "core academic subjects."

http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2015/04/definition_of_core_subjects_ex.html

Opt-outs are on the rise:

http://articles.philly.com/2015-04-20/news/61308141_1_pssa-testing-graduation-requirement-high-stakes-testing#RXXmAVzg1ur22cYJ.99

http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/breaking-news/index.ssf/2015/04/lehigh_valley_pssa_opt_outs_on.html

And in other states the numbers are in the tens of thousands

http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/04/17/us/ap-us-common-core-opting-out.html?_r=0

An interview with Acting Education Secretary Pedro Rivera

<http://www.theplsreporter.com/Home/TabId/56/ArtMID/472/ArticleID/672/And-the-nominees-are-Department-of-Education-Sec-Rivera-.aspx>