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SRCD Signs on to Friends of IES Letter on FY 2022 Appropriations and the Institute of Education Sciences

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SRCD signed on to a Friends of IES letter that requests a funding increase for the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) in FY 2022. Addressed to the Chairs and Ranking Members of the House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittees, the letter highlights the pandemic's impact on education and education research and statistical infrastructure (e.g., research and data collection), recognizes disparities in educational access as well as gaps in outcomes, and calls for funding to address educational needs during the pandemic and beyond.

The letter notes "As our country emerges from a year of the greatest national disruption our schools have ever seen, it is critically important that our teachers, school leaders, students, and families have the information they need to know about the impact COVID-19 has had on students' learning and a roadmap to reverse the inevitable learning loss the pandemic has caused. Researchers must also seize on this disruption

to take stock of remote and hybrid learning to identify what works and where improvement is needed."

The Friends of IES a coalition of more than 40 scientific associations, education organizations, universities, and research institutions committed to supporting the Institute of Education Sciences' (IES) research, data, statistics, and evaluation programs.

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