



JNCL-NCLIS Update

December 2015

Message from the Executive Director

Dear Colleagues,

As we enjoy the holiday season and our well-deserved break, the Language Enterprise has seen a great deal of activity in Washington, DC. The passage of the [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#) updates No Child Left Behind in many significant ways. The [Fiscal Year 2016 Omnibus Appropriations Act](#), which funds the Federal Government until September 30, 2016, turns out to be generally positive - all of our programs are at least level-funded, and some see modest increases. The Commission on Language Learning of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences held its first meeting last week, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Finally, we here at the JNCL-NCLIS secretariat are busy getting ready for next year's Language Advocacy Days, which will be held February 25-26 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill.

The ESSA contains many provisions relating to Foreign Languages and Native American, Alaskan, and Hawaiian Languages. You can read the [in-depth analysis](#) for details of these programs. Most importantly, as ESSA creates a new program, the "Student Support and Academic Achievement Grants," to fund curricular enhancements at the state and local level, our K-12 community now needs to undertake two vitally important tasks. First, here in DC, we will be working with the Department of Education as the staff and leadership develop the priorities, regulations, and competition guidelines for these state level block grants. We will be asking for input from members as we begin this task. Second, our K-12 language leaders, advocates, and professionals must work at the state and local level to make sure that world languages are on the agendas of our educational agencies. JNCL-NCLIS will work closely with all of you on this endeavor.

As to funding, we have a detailed analysis below. Highlights include increases for the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, many of the exchange programs in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US State Department, and a

modest increase for the National Endowment for the Humanities. As well, a coalition of organizations - JNCL-NCLIS, the National Humanities Alliance, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, the American Association of Universities, and the Coalition for International Education - worked very intensely throughout the fall to reverse the proposed cut of \$36m in Title VI/Fulbright-Hays in the Senate. We were successful, and Title VI/F-H is level funded at just over \$72m in 2016.

With that, let me wish each and all of you a joyous holiday season and success in the New Year.

With Best Wishes,

Bill Rivers

World Languages & the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

On December 10, 2015, President Obama signed into the law the [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#), as a reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to replace No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The legislation had been eight years overdue for reauthorization, and came as the result of a long and contentious year of Committee debate and revision before coming together as ESSA in a relatively short conference process.

The National Council for Languages and International Studies (NCLIS) has reviewed ESSA for its implications on world language education, and produced [an in-depth analysis](#) that lists some of the opportunities for Federal funding for world language programs.

Transitioning to ESSA

As the [Department of Education plans its transition to ESSA](#), it has issued a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) soliciting advice and recommendations concerning topics under Title I of the new law for which regulations may be helpful in assisting states, districts, and schools to implement the new law. This provides stakeholders with an opportunity to identify areas that could particularly benefit from regulations and provide specific feedback on what those regulations should establish and require. The public comment period will be open for 30 days from the date the RFI was issued.

Stakeholders with input for the above RFI are encouraged to provide detailed and targeted comments in their response. The Department of Education has also issued this [Dear Colleague Letter](#) with answers to frequently asked questions regarding ESSA. All other questions not addressed in the letter can be directed to essa.questions@ed.gov.

FY16 Appropriations for Language and International Study Programs

(in thousands)	FY 15 Request	FY15 Omnibus	FY16 Requests	FY16 Omnibus	Change FY15 to FY16
State Department, ECA	577,900	589,900	623,079	590,900	1,000
<i>Academic Programs</i>	313,439	331,636	315,039	309,451	-22,185
Fulbright Program	204,200	236,485	236,000	236,000	-485
Global Academic Exchanges	62,989	58,351	64,489	58,651	300
Special Academic Exchanges	46,250	36,800	14,550	14,800	-22,000
Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX)			4,000	4,000	
<i>Professional/Cultural Exchanges</i>	180,509	195,240	182,947	197,240	1,655
International Visitor Leadership Program	89,665	89,665	87,665	89,665	no change
Citizen Exchange Programs	85,386	100,000	89,724	102,000	2,000
Special Professional/Cultural	5,558	5,575		5,575	no change
<i>Bureau of Intelligence & Research</i>					
Office of Outreach					
Office of Analysis for Russia & Eurasia Title VIII		3,000		3,000	no change
(in thousands)	FY15 Request	FY15 Omnibus	FY16 Requests	FY16 Omnibus	Change FY15 to FY16
Dept. of Education					
<i>Elementary and Secondary Ed</i>					
Effective Teaching and Learning...	25,000	0	25,000	0	no funds
FLAP	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Higher Education</i>		1,924,839	2,060,080	1,982,185	57,346
Title VI - IFLE	76,164	72,164	76,000	72,164	no change
Domestic Programs	69,103	65,103	67,103	65,103	no change
Overseas Programs	7,061	7,061	9,061	7,061	no change
Title III - OELA					
English Learner Education	723,400	737,400	723,000	737,400	no change
Indian Student Education	123,939	123,939	124,000	143,939	20,000
(in thousands)	FY15 Request	FY15 Omnibus	FY16 Requests	FY16 Omnibus	Change FY15 to FY16
Defense Department					
<i>Defense Human Resources Activity (DHRA)</i>	633,300	673,655	642,551	678,470	4,815
DLNSEO	48,497	48,485	49,309	49,309	no change
<i>Army</i>					
Operations & Maintenance, Army	33,240,148	31,961,920	35,107,546	32,399,440	437,520

Specialized Skill Training	922,236	896,529	981,000	954,000	57,471
DLIFLC		261,744	230,188	*****	*****
DARPA	2,778,656	2,914,770	2,972,693	**2,951,693	**36,923
Others					
National Science Foundation		7,344,205	7,724,000	7,463,485	379,795
National Endowment for the		146,021	147,942	147,900	1,879
Institute of Education Sciences		573,935	675,883	818,015	44,080

***** Asterisks denote funding levels that are either estimates or that have not yet been made explicitly clear. The exact FY16 numbers for these programs will require time to ascertain.

Early Bird Rates for Language Advocacy Day Ending Soon

Register with Early Bird rates until December 31!

**Language Advocacy Day & Delegate Assembly
February 25-26, 2016
Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill**

[Register now](#) and [book your stay](#) at the Hyatt Regency!

2016 Language Advocacy Day Sponsorship Opportunities

As plans move forward for the event, we have put together [a sponsorship package](#) with myriad opportunities to promote your organization or business to JNCL-NCLIS members and others from within the field and without.

If your organization or business is interested in sponsoring our 2016 Language Advocacy Day, contact Maria Pulcini at (202) 580-8684 or mpulcini@languagepolicy.org.

Upcoming Member Events

NECTFL Annual Conference	February 11-13, 2016 New York Hilton, Midtown New York, NY http://www.nectfl.org/conference
SCOLT Annual Conference	February 18-20, 2016 Sheraton Charlotte Charlotte, NC http://scolt.org/index.php/conferences/current-conference
	March 2-5, 2016

NABE Annual Conference	Hilton Chicago Chicago, IL http://www.nabe-conference.com/index.html
CSCTFL Annual Conference	March 10-12, 2016 Hilton Downtown Columbus Columbus, OH http://www.csctfl.org/conferences/2016conference.html
NCOLCTL Annual Conference	April 21-24, 2016 Holiday Inn & Suites Atlanta Airport-North Atlanta, GA http://www.conference.ncolctl.org/

We are happy to share announcements of our members' upcoming events in our email campaigns and on our social media platforms. You can share these announcements with us by sending the relevant information to mpulcini@languagepolicy.org.

SCOLA Trial Membership for JNCL-NCLIS Affiliates!

JNCL-NCLIS is proud to announce that our member SCOLA (www.scola.org) is offering free access to SCOLA's wide range of services and materials for all JNCL-NCLIS member organizations for the first six months and at a reduced rate thereafter. SCOLA provides on-line and mobile device access to foreign language broadcasting from more than 150 countries in more than 175 languages as well as an array of unique educational resources based on this authentic foreign content.

These services include: Learning/Assessment Objects, specially produced programming, foreign text (periodicals, text books, etc.), hard to find radio programs, archived content and many more services designed for communicative language teaching and learning, specializing in the less commonly taught languages. SCOLA also secures broad-spectrum educational use permissions that allow SCOLA users to archive the content and to build their own learning tools with the content.

This introductory offer is open to any member or employee of a JNCL-NCLIS member organization. For individual access, contact Maria Pulcini (mpulcini@languagepolicy.org) for your access credentials. For organizational membership, contact Bill Rivers (writers@languagepolicy.org).

Social Media

We have *773 followers* on Twitter and are eager for more! Please follow us @JNCLInfo and like us on Facebook! We invite you to interact and share with JNCL-NCLIS and fellow members on all of our platforms:

- You can find us on Facebook at "[JNCL-NCLIS](#)." Please like our page on

Facebook and leave a note on our Facebook wall!

- Follow us on Twitter with the handle "[@JNCLInfo](#)"
- Follow us on LinkedIn at "[Joint National Committee for Languages-National Council for Languages and International Studies](#)"

More importantly, if your association has news to share with your colleagues, please do let us know - we are always more than happy to share news (good and bad), job announcements, upcoming events, and advocacy requests from all of our members.

Managing Your Subscriptions

Thank you for your interests in language news and the activities of JNCL-NCLIS. We are happy to have you as part of our community. While we try to limit the number of our messages and send only the most important information to you, we realize that sometimes that still amounts to a lot of mail in your inbox.

If you ever feel as though you're getting too much mail from us, you can always find a link at the bottom of each message that allows you to "Update Profile/Email Address." Clicking this link will take you to a page where you can change to which mailing lists you are subscribed (see the explanation of the lists below). At the bottom of every email, there is also an "Unsubscribe" link. Clicking this will remove your email address from all of our lists and you will be unable to receive any mailings from us unless you resubscribe on our website.

- [JNCL-NCLIS Weekly Newsbrief](#) - Weekly roundup of language news, grant opportunities, and conference announcements sent on Thursday afternoons
- [JNCL-NCLIS Monthly Update](#) - Monthly newsletter detailing activities and news about JNCL-NCLIS, and occasional announcements and action alerts
- [Members of JNCL NCLIS Member Organizations](#) - Special announcements about JNCL-NCLIS activities relevant to members, action alerts, and information about the annual Language Advocacy Day.
- [Member Organization Delegates to JNCL-NCLIS](#) - Official JNCL-NCLIS business and information for member representatives in the Delegate Assembly

Website

We are here to serve you, our members, and we want our site to be an extension of that purpose. So if you have suggestions of how it could be improved, or if your organization has publications that would be useful to all our members and would corroborate our case for language, we invite you to share them with us. You can contact Maria Pulcini, mpulcini@languagepolicy.org

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