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### **Educational Accountability Regulations Cannot Be Overturned**

#### Statement of NAACP Legal Defense Fund

Today, Republican leaders of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce introduced resolutions of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act to overturn the regulations on accountability and state plans under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

This resolution cannot move forward. The accountability regulations are more critical now than ever in light of threats to meaningful accountability for states and local school districts, including the pending nomination of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education. Ms. DeVos has repeatedly expressed that deference, rather than demands for accountability for student outcomes, would be her approach to working with state and local officials.

“These ESSA regulations help ensure that state and local education officials develop and implement plans that hold schools accountable for the success of all students and that keep students in the classroom and learning,” said Todd A. Cox, Director of Policy of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

“The regulations reinforce and enhance key provisions in the law that promote positive school climates, reducing exclusionary discipline practices that disproportionately impact students of color,” concluded Cox.

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