

The Warren County School District Board of Directors strongly supports the philosophy of the No Child Left Behind as a means to assure every child a quality education.

The Warren County School District Board of Directors feels equally strongly that the current No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation needs to be amended in the following areas:

- NCLB testing needs to focus on student growth and achievement over time, not the current model of focusing on norm-based achievement testing.
- NCLB's goal of 100% proficiency by 2014 is unrealistic. The standards set by each of the 50 states are too diverse for equitable application of proficiency. This goal should be eliminated.
- NCLB's emphasis on reading, writing, math, and science has caused schools to diminish or eliminate Art, Music, Phys. Ed., etc. because of the high stakes tied to a single assessment. NCLB should encourage these areas as well as the core areas.
- NCLB needs to be adequately funded at the district level in order to provide curriculum writing, professional development, additional teachers, or to implement regulatory guidance such as school choice or SES.
- NCLB should provide additional funding to any school/district in School Improvement or Corrective Action to fully fund these activities.
- NCLB needs to align with the IDEIA guidelines so students with IEP's are assessed at their functioning level, not the age level.
- NCLB should designate a school district as "warning, school improvement, or corrective action" ONLY when the **same sub-group** does not make AYP in consecutive years.