



*No Child Left Behind*

**A New Era in Education**

**“When it comes to the education of our children...failure is not an option.”**

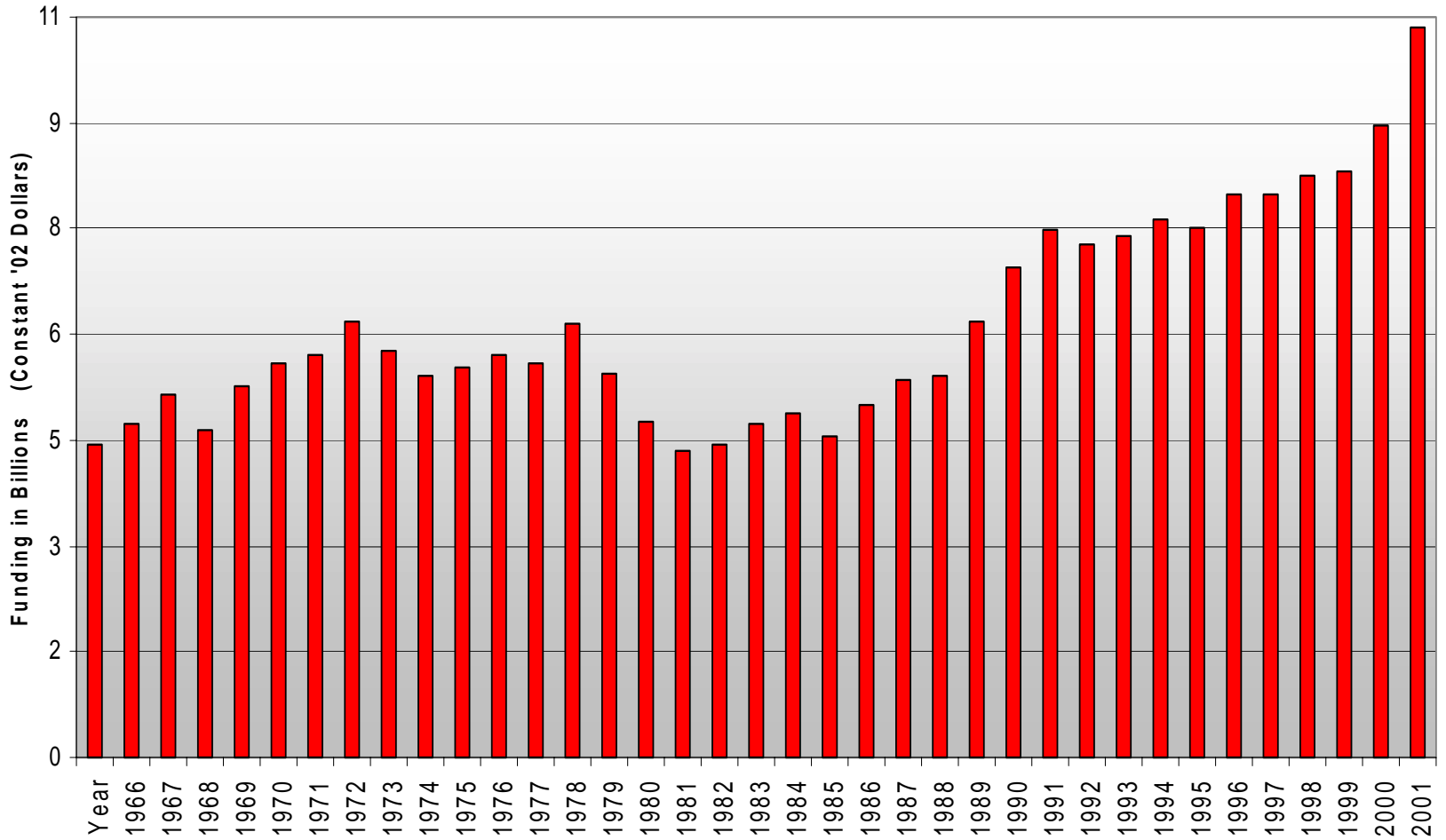
**President George W. Bush  
August 1, 2001**



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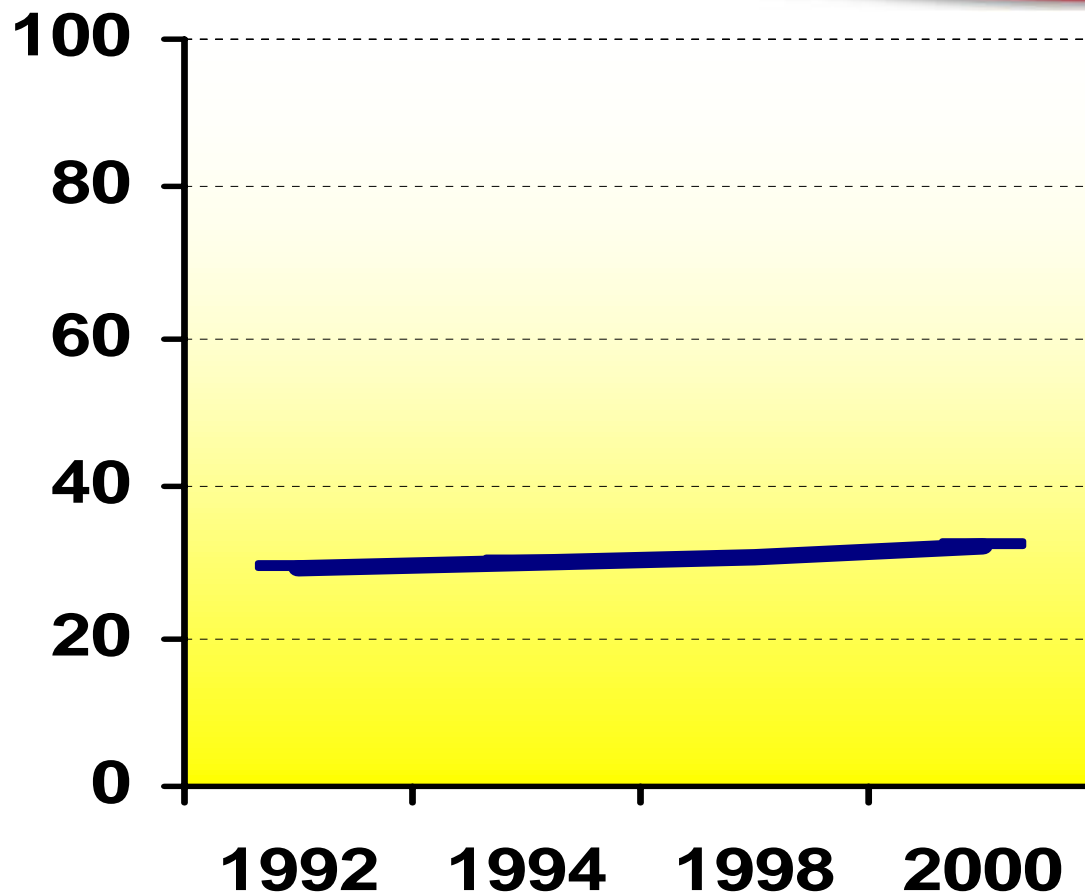


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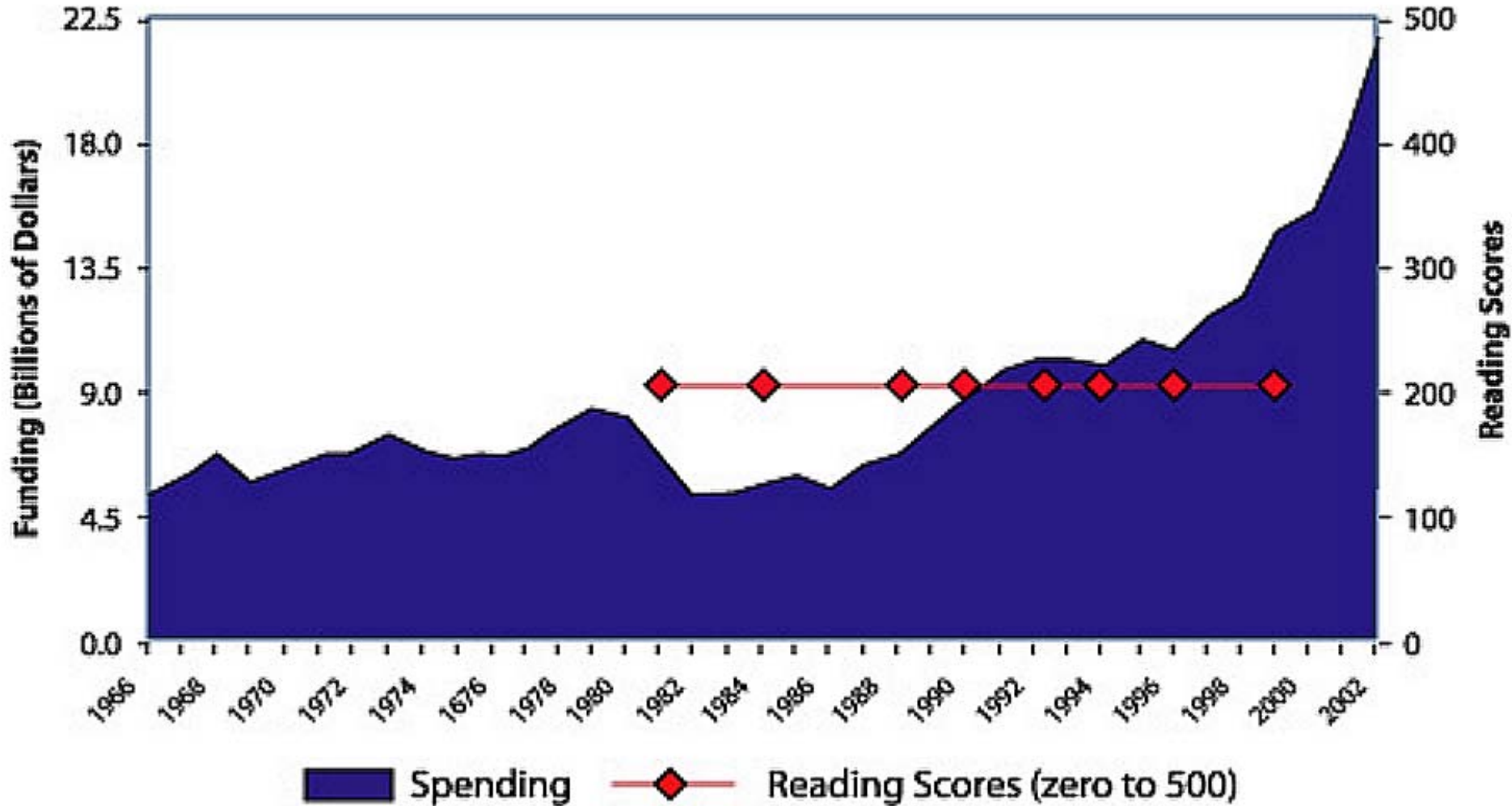


**Even when accounting for inflation, funding has doubled since 1985.**

# Percentage of Fourth Graders Reading Proficiently



# Reading Scores and Funding



**Spending has increased but test scores have not.**

**“Insanity: the belief that one can get different results by doing the same thing.”**

**-Albert Einstein**





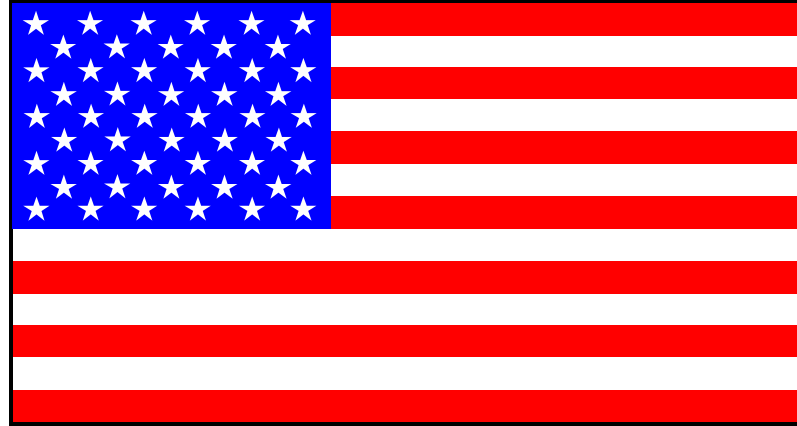
**Schools using  
proven teaching  
methods will  
measure success  
by one measure  
alone: *Is every  
child learning?***



**This isn't a Republican law.**



**This isn't a Democratic law.**



**This is an American law.**

**“America’s children depend on us. We must not thrust that burden onto our posterity. It is ours to bear.”**

**-U.S. Secretary of Education  
Rod Paige, January 9, 2002**



# Four Reform Principles

- ★ **Accountability:** Guaranteeing Results
- ★ **Flexibility:** Local Control for Local Challenges
- ★ **Research-Based Reforms:** Proven Methods with Proven Results
- ★ **Parental Options:** Choices for Parents, Hope for Kids



# Accountability

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Accountability begins with informed parents, communities and elected leaders so we can work together to improve schools.



# How will states measure progress for schools and students?

- ★ Test every child in grades 3 through 8 in reading and math.
- ★ States will implement fair and effective annual tests.
- ★ Washington will provide funding to states to design and implement tests.

# How will measuring progress every year help to improve schools?

- ★ Information is a powerful tool for change.
- ★ Annual testing tells us if students are making progress.
- ★ Annual tests show educators what is working and what areas need improvement.

Improving schools through accountability means setting annual goals for improvement.

According to a former school board member of a major urban school district:

"School systems and schools exist to educate students...It is almost inconceivable that a school system would not want to know the answer to the most fundamental of all questions:

Are the children learning?"

# What if schools do not improve?

- ★ Parents, voters, and taxpayers will know if schools are improving.
- ★ Schools that do not improve will receive extra help with planning and technical assistance.
- ★ After receiving extra help, schools that do not improve may be restructured.
- ★ *No Child Left Behind* provides new hope for students in schools that are dangerous or in need of improvement





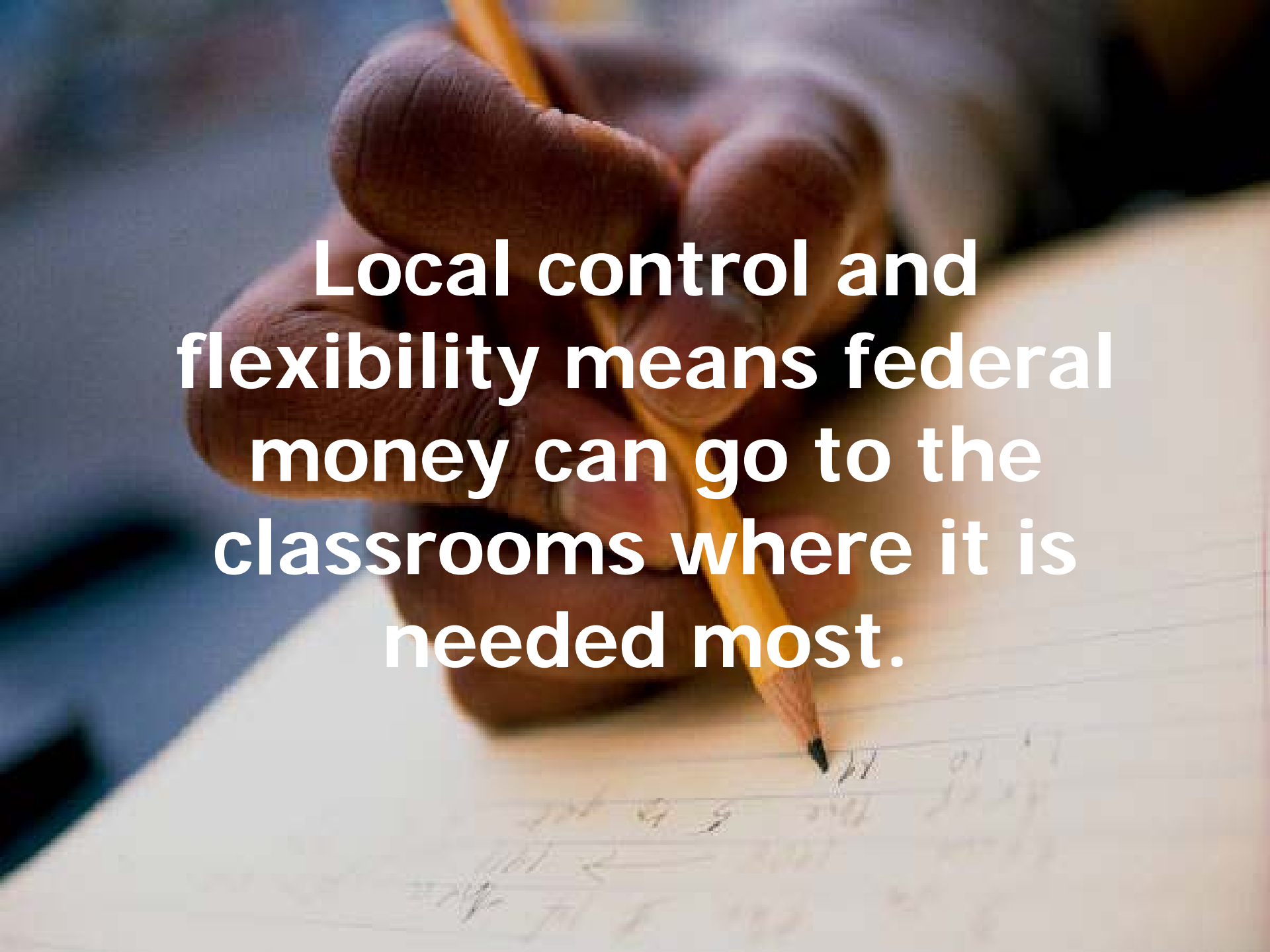


# Flexibility

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*No Child Left Behind* gives communities the freedom to find local solutions for local challenges.



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a yellow pencil, poised to write on a piece of lined paper. The paper has some faint, illegible handwriting on it. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a desk or table.

**Local control and flexibility means federal money can go to the classrooms where it is needed most.**

**For example...  
to provide more local control  
and flexibility, 50% of the  
formula funding from the  
following programs may be  
distributed among any of the  
programs:**

- ★ Teacher Quality
- ★ Education Technology
- ★ Safe and Drug-Free Schools



**Local Control and flexibility means money goes to solve problems, not to subsidize bureaucracy.**



# ***How *No Child Left Behind* ensures improvements:***

*No Child Left Behind* encourages federal funds to be invested in educational practices that work.





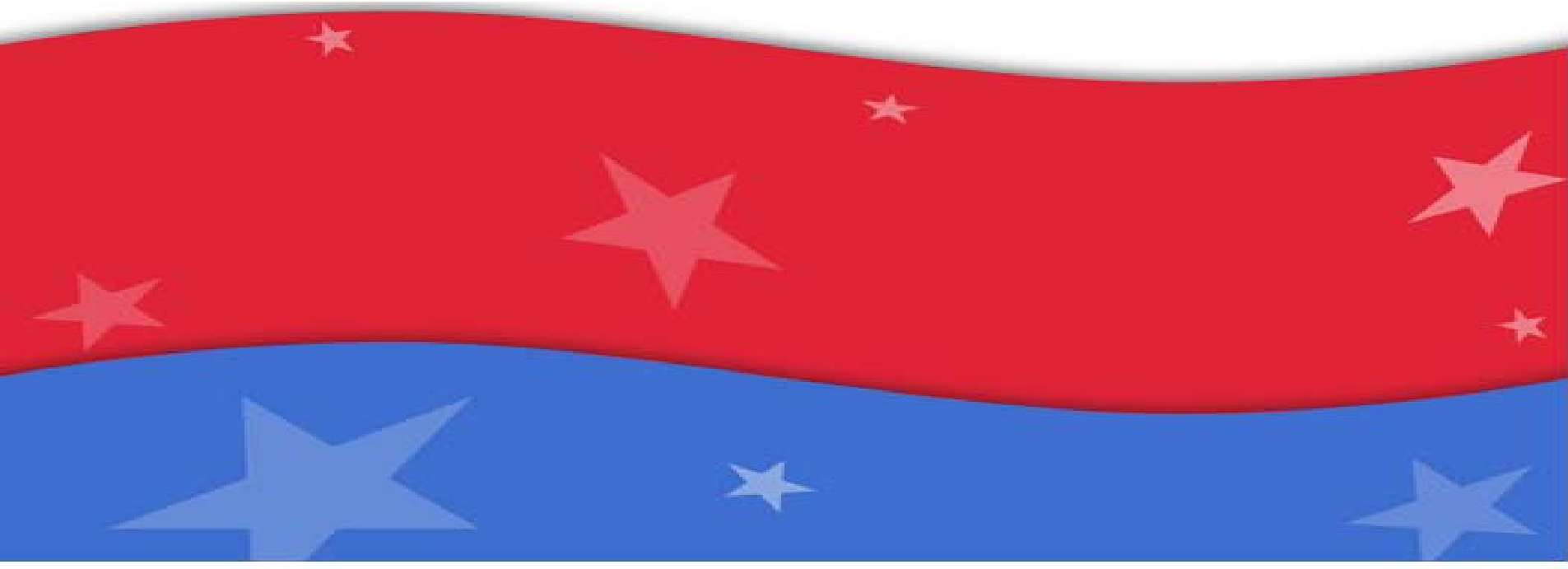
# Research-Based Improvements

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- ★ **The Problem:** Some schools use unreliable and untested methods that can actually impede academic progress.
- ★ **The Solution:** Encourage schools to use evidence-based practices and materials.

# **Solid research equals solid results.**

Doctors use solid research before treating patients. Teachers and schools must apply just as much care.



# What is reliable research?

## Scientific method-

- Hypothesis
- Controls are used
- Outcome proves or disproves the hypothesis





**Replicated**- Repeat studies find the same results.



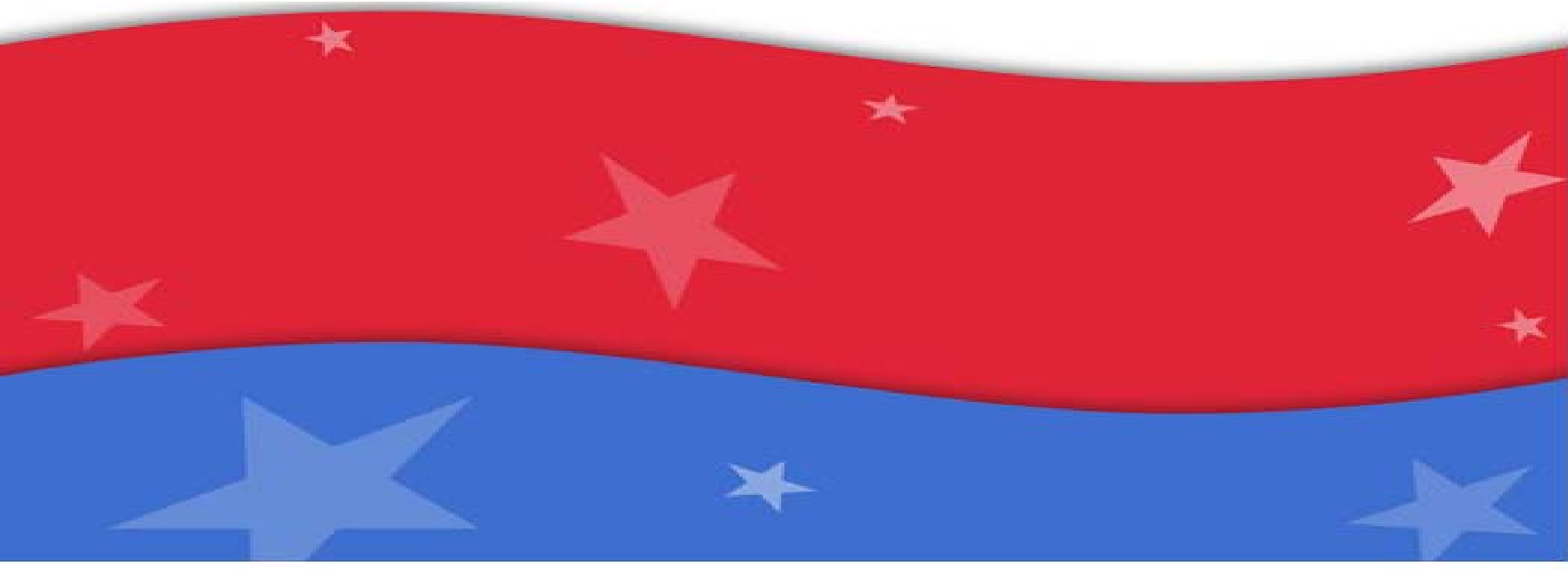
**Generalized**- Study findings represent truth for the general population.



**Meets Rigorous Standards** - Methods and conclusions must be confirmed by peer review.



**Convergent findings**- Conclusions are in line with findings from other studies.



# ***No Child Left Behind* helps prepare and protect teachers.**

- ★ Protects teachers from frivolous lawsuits.
- ★ Provides teachers the very best tools for teaching such as scientifically proven methods, lessons, materials, and professional development.





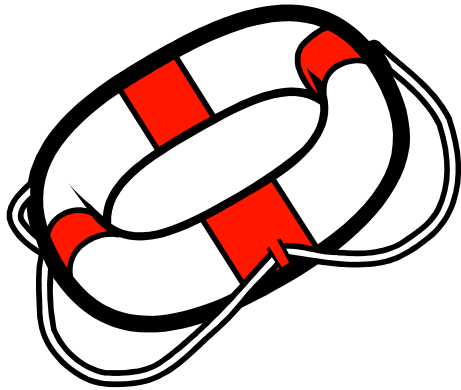
# **Options for Parents Means Hope For Kids**

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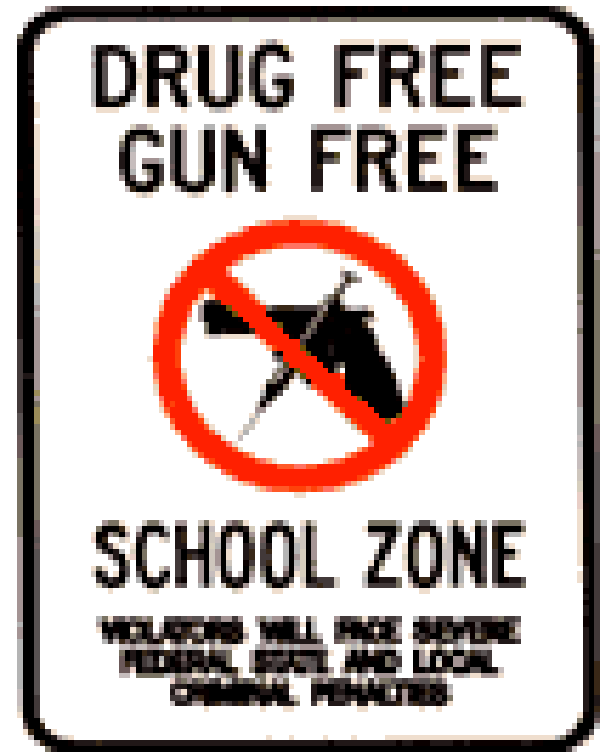
*No Child Left Behind* provides a lifeline to parents by giving them information regarding not only how their child is achieving academically, but also how their school and school district are performing as well.

# *No Child Left Behind:*

**A lifeline for students trapped in schools that are dangerous or in need of improvement**



Parents can choose to make a change when their child's school does not improve.

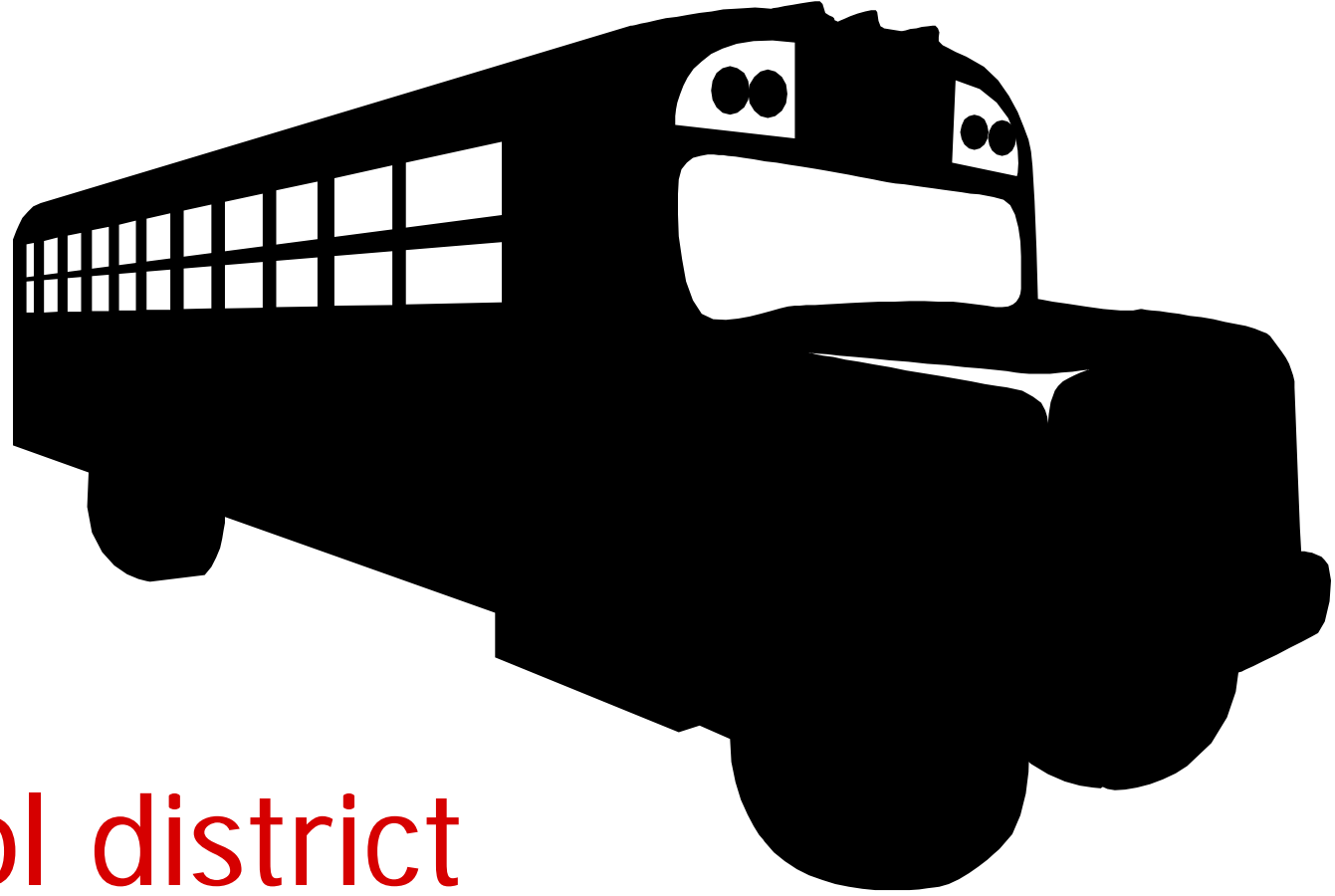


# ***Under No Child Left Behind:***

If a school does not meet its academic growth target for two consecutive years: parents have the right to transfer their child to a successful public school, including a charter school and...







The school district  
must pay for  
transportation.

**If a school has failed for three consecutive years, parents of disadvantaged students have the right to supplemental educational services at the expense of the school district.**



**If a school is designated by the state as dangerous or unsafe, parents have the right to request a transfer to a safer public school.**



# Parents Must Be Our Partners

“Good education starts in the living rooms of the citizens of this country. It starts with a mom or a dad saying, ‘you turn off the TV and practice reading.’ It means, get rid of the tube and get into the books.”

-President George W. Bush,  
August 2001



# A Call to Action for Parents:

- ★ Parents must be full partners in their child's education.
- ★ Parents, teachers and school administrators hold the key to the success of our schools.
- ★ Parents need to instill values and discipline at home to help their children so they can be prepared to succeed in school.

# Our Nation's Commitment:

- ★ Every American child can learn.
- ★ It is our duty as Americans to make sure...

*No child is left behind!*





"No Child Left Behind makes history in American education and builds futures for America's students."

Rod Paige, U.S. Secretary of Education