

## SPEAK Out! Day Meeting Talking Points

1. Introduce meeting attendees and offer credentials, exchange business cards
2. Share importance of health and physical education programs to students ([PE + Health = Student Success flyer](#))
  - Benefits to students – health, academic achievement, behavior, etc.
3. Share personal stories about health and physical education from your state/school district/school ([State specific flyer](#))
4. Discuss unintended consequences of *No Child Left Behind* on health and physical education
  - Not included in legislation – programs and funding were cut across the country
5. Share highlights of *Every Student Succeeds Act*
  - Thank for their support - did they vote yes or no on ESSA?
  - Health and physical education included in definition of well-rounded education
  - Eligible for Title I, Title II, Title IV funding
6. Overview of Title IV, Part A funding ([Title IV fact sheet](#))
  - Block grants to states – states will distribute to school districts
  - Funding can be spent on well-rounded education, safe and healthy students program, effective use of technology
7. Make specific asks ([Back of PE + Health = Student Success flyer](#))
  - Support bipartisan Congressional intent by funding Title IV, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act at its authorized amount of \$1.65 billion. President’s Budget request only included \$500 million for Title IV, Part A.
  - HOUSE - Sign on to Title IV, Part A Dear Colleague letter sponsored by Reps. Bonamici, Clark, Curbelo, and Stefanik. Contact Adrian Anderson in Bonamici’s office to sign on - [adrian.anderson@mail.house.gov](mailto:adrian.anderson@mail.house.gov). ([Dear Colleague letter](#))
  - SENATE – Champion Title IV, Part A Dear Colleague letter to share with the Senate Appropriations Committee – Dear Colleague in Senate is likely to be led by Sens. Baldwin, Hatch, and Booker.
  - Ask the US Department of Education issue guidance to states on all federal funding opportunities available through ESSA for health and physical education.
  - Send a letter to your state’s governor or chief state school officer requesting that they support health and physical education as they prioritize and distribute federal education funding across the state. ([Template letter](#))
8. Close meeting, thank member of Congress and/or staffer, offer to follow-up.



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SHAPE America is committed to empowering all children to lead healthy and active lives through effective health and physical education programs.

