

## 2017 SPEAK Out! Day Meeting Talking Points

1. Introduce SHAPE America, each meeting attendee, offer credentials, exchange business cards
2. Share importance of health and physical education programs to students ([PE + Health = Student Success flier](#))
  - 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 flier](#))
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*
  - Health and physical education included in definition of well-rounded education
  - Eligible for Title I, Title II, Title IV funding and support
6. Overview of Title IV, Part A funding ([Title IV, Part A fact sheet](#))
  - Formula block grant to states and then down to school districts
  - Funding can be spent on well-rounded education, safe and healthy students program, effective use of technology
  - Consolidation of programs authorized under NCLB, like the PEP grant
  - Thank them if they signed on to the House Title IV, Part A Dear Colleague letter
  - Many proposals by Presidential Administrations and Congress to significantly underfund
7. Overview of Title II, Part A funding ([Title II, Part A fact sheet](#))
  - Funding for professional development for all school employees
  - Opportunity for PD for health and physical education or schoolwide PD on physical activity and healthy schools
  - Share Title II, Part A sign-on letter to show broad organizational support for full funding
  - Targeted for elimination by President Trump's Administration
8. (*Time permitting*) Overview of Title IV, Part B funding ([Title IV, Part B fact sheet](#))
  - Funding for after-school and summer programs for low-income schools
  - Programs can focus on nutrition and physical activity
  - Targeted for elimination by President Trump's Administration
9. Make specific asks ([Back of PE + Health = Student Success flier](#))
  - Support bipartisan congressional intent by funding:
    - i. Title IV, Part A of ESSA at its authorized amount of \$1.65 billion for FY 2018
    - ii. Title II, Part A of ESSA at its authorized amount of \$2.295 billion for FY 2018
    - iii. Title IV, Part B of ESSA at its authorized amount of \$1.1 billion for FY 2018
  - Send a letter to your state's commissioner of education and/or governor requesting that they support health and physical education as they prioritize and distribute federal education funding across the state.  
([Congress ESSA template letter](#))
10. Close meeting, thank member of Congress and/or staffer, offer to follow-up.