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**Changing the
Face of
Education**

Federal Policy Update

A group of four diverse young adults (three women and one man) are sitting on the ground outdoors, looking at a laptop screen together. They appear to be in a collaborative learning or work environment. The background shows a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a building.

Federal Policy Update

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Highlights

- New President, Administration and Congressional Leadership
- FAFSA Simplification
- American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (AAR)
- Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA)
- Appropriations
- NCAN Resources

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Transitions



- President Obama's Challenge
- U.S. Department of Education Administration
- Congressional Leadership

FAFSA Simplification

- Advanced skip logic on electronic application to skip irrelevant questions (dependency/parental information, Selective Service, etc.)
- Proposed legislative changes to use IRS data, including “prior prior year”, and asset caps
- New option for spring semester students to use IRS data

American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (AARA)

- Largely for school district fiscal relief through State Fiscal Stabilization Fund
- Investing in Innovation (“I3”) Fund notice of funding expected late fall/early winter
- I3 funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to local education agencies and non-profit organizations working in collaboration with them to scale educational practices with proven success



Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA)

- Passed House
- Proposes elimination of FFEL program and converts all new loans to Direct Lending
- Proposes \$5,500 maximum Pell Grant for 2010, along with cost of living indexing
- Proposes College Access and Innovation Completion Fund



College Access and Completion Innovation Fund

- \$600 million per year for five years, 2010-2014
- College Access Challenge Grants
- State Innovation Completion Grants
- Innovation in College Access and Completion National Activities

NCAN Resources

- Staff technical assistance
- Monthly conference calls for members
- Website Government Relations page
- Legislative Handbook



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