FULL COMMITTEE PONY

Department of Education Age 3 to Grade 3 Assessment

The Subcommittee on Education recommends approval of the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of up to \$7 million for a four-year Age 3 to Grade 3 Assessment grant.

This grant would be used for two major purposes. The first is to develop a tablet application for the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment so teachers will have immediate access to the results of the assessment to assist them in meeting the individual needs of each student. This application would also help pre-school teachers assess the effectiveness of their programs after reviewing the progress of their former student. The second purpose is to research and evaluate how exiting pre-Kindergarten measures align with the goals and measures of the early grades of elementary school and determine what changes should be made.

There is no matching requirement for the grant and applications are due June 10th. It is anticipated that the ongoing costs resulting from this grant are minimal.

The Subcommittee on Education recommends approval of the request.