

congressman randy forbes

ENSURING A STRONG FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN



INCREASED FLEXIBILITY IN NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR VIRGINIA STUDENTS. Congressman Forbes cosponsored legislation that would allow states like Virginia to enter into five-year performance agreements with the Department of Education to improve and enhance their respective education systems without federal interference. Specifically, the bill allows states to opt out of the prescriptive programmatic requirements of No Child Left Behind and use funding in a way that will best meet their students' needs. (HR 2514).

CONTINUED TO MAKE STEM EDUCATION A PRIORITY. Congressman Forbes once again supported science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and encouraged Federal STEM education programs to better integrate and cooperate on the development of a coordinated, multiyear STEM education strategic plan. (HR 2112)

ASSISTED SCHOOLS IMPACTED BY MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. Congressman Forbes worked to aid local school districts impacted by federal installations, such as military bases, that need additional money to deal with growing class sizes and other expansion-related issues. (HR 5136)

PROMOTED SPECIAL EDUCATION AND MATH & SCIENCE INITIATIVES. Congressman Forbes supported legislation to increase Title I grants, or grants to local school districts to help all children become proficient in reading and math. The bill also supports special education programs to help school districts pay for the extra costs of educating all children with disabilities (HR 2055).

PROTECTED PRIVACY RIGHTS OF HOMESCHOOLED CHILDREN. Congressman Forbes cosponsored legislation to protect the privacy of homeschoolers' homeschooled children's records, whose personal information and academic records do not have the same level of protection as those of children enrolled in public schools (HR 2910).

PROVIDED RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS. Congressman Forbes cosponsored legislation allowing teachers a tax deduction for purchases of classroom supplies out of their own pockets (HR 694).



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