THE FACTS ABOUT...

The Challenge: For 30 years, parents have had few options when their children are trapped in persistently failing schools.

The Solution: Make sure students and parents have options and that tax dollars are spent educating children in danger of being left behind.

HOW NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND WILL RAISE RESULTS FOR ALL:

Federal money will go to students who need it most

For the first time in history, Title I funds (the federal education dollars targeted for America's neediest students) are tied directly to the education of the child and not the maintenance of the status quo.

Empowers parents and gets students the help they need

When schools fail to meet state standards for three years in a row, children from disadvantaged backgrounds will be eligible to obtain supplemental services, including tutoring, remedial education, extra classes, summer school, after-school programs and other supplemental academic services to help boost their achievement.

Involves the whole community in aiding the education of children

Private, non-profit and faith-based providers are among those eligible to provide supplemental services to disadvantaged students. The status quo system will no longer have a monopoly on the use of taxpayer money spent on education.

School districts will provide parents with lists of places their children can go to get help Schools will pay a portion of the federal taxpayer dollars they receive for supplemental education services from the public or private sector providers selected by parents from a state-approved list. The instruction will be designed to improve academic achievement in the state academic content standards.

Supplemental Services will provide academic help to students who are forced to attend a failing school during the day. As a result, overall academic achievement at the school will improve, and most importantly no child will be left behind.

The Resources: Supplemental services won't cost parents an extra penny.

Supplemental services give parents and students options and provide incentives for schools to improve. Federal funds already being spent in failing districts will simply be shifted to get extra help for children who need it.



