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# Education Funding: Impact of Sequestration and House Budget Resolution on Selected Programs

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The following charts provide yearly funding levels between Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 and FY 2012 for the U.S. Department of Education and for selected programs, including Head Start in the Department of Health and Human Services.

The charts include the funding levels proposed in the President's FY 2013 Budget request, the potential FY 2013 funding levels if the across-the-board sequestration cuts take effect, and the potential FY 2014 funding levels that could occur under the House-passed FY 2013 Budget Resolution (H. Con. Res. 112).

The FY 2013 sequestration levels were determined by reducing FY 2012 appropriations levels by 9.1 percent (which is the estimate of the percentage cut to non-exempt nondefense discretionary programs projected by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities). For FY 2013 the Pell grant program is exempt from this across-the-board cut.

For FY 2014, the House-passed Budget Resolution reduces the cap or aggregate level of funding for nondefense discretionary spending by 19 percent below the FY 2013 cap for nondefense spending established in the Budget Control Act. Thus, the projections in these charts reduce discretionary spending for each program by 19 percent below its FY 2012 appropriated level.

**Under sequestration, FY 13 total discretionary funding for the Department of Education (excluding Pell grants) would be at its lowest level since FY 2002. Under the House-passed budget, FY 14 total discretionary funding for the Department of Education would be at its lowest since FY 2003, while non-Pell aggregate funding would be at its lowest level since FY 2001.**



The President's FY 13 Budget proposes to consolidate Striving Readers into a new Effective Teaching and Learning: Literacy program funded at \$187 million.



Note: The President's FY 13 Budget proposes to consolidate the High School Graduation Initiative into a new College Pathways and Accelerated Learning program funded at \$81.3



The President's Budget proposes to restructure and rename this program as Effective Teaching and Learning: STEM.

The President's Budget proposes to restructure and rename this program as Effective Teachers and Leaders State Grants.



The President's Budget proposes to restructure and rename this program as Teacher and Leader Innovation Fund.

The President's FY 13 Budget proposes to consolidate School Leadership into a new Teachers and Leaders Pathways program funded at \$74.7 million.





The President's FY 13 Budget proposes to consolidate Elementary and Secondary School Counseling into a new Successful, Safe and Healthy Students program funded at \$195.9 million. The Pell grant program is exempt from sequestration in FY 2013. Thus, absent changes by Congress, the maximum should automatically increase based on the SAFRA funding formula.

Prior to FY 2008 funds were provided under the antecedent Teacher Quality Enhancement program. The FY 2013 Budget proposes to consolidate this program into a new Teacher Quality Enhancement program. In addition to these funds, the FY 2008-2011 mandatory funding for the program was \$57 million. The FY 2013 Budget includes \$292.7 million for the Pell grant program is



