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Ann Huber
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Dear Ms. Huber:

The National School Boards Association (NSBA) is submitting comments in strong opposition to Docket ID ED–2020–OESE–0091, the Department of Education’s Interim Final Rule regarding equitable funding distribution by Local Education Agencies (LEAs) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which was passed to help public schools impacted by COVID-19. If this rule is enacted, it will prevent many deserving public schools from receiving adequate funding that they desperately need to support their most hard-pressed students during this national emergency. NSBA and local school board members support providing equitable services to nonpublic school students as is prescribed in the Elementary and Secondary Schools Act (ESEA). However, both approaches offered by this rule will harm many low-income students whom Congress intended to help through the CARES Act.

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