

Washington, D.C. — November 11, 2017 — The Large Countywide and Suburban District Consortium urges Congress to maintain the State and Local Tax Deduction (SALT-D) in the tax reform legislation currently under consideration in both the House and the Senate. Eliminating or substantially reducing SALT-D would likely lead to unsustainable cuts to public education across the nation.

“As superintendents of some of the nation’s largest and most diverse school districts, we strive to make the best possible use of every public dollar at our disposal,” said Consortium Chair Dr. Aaron Spence, Superintendent of Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VA). “But with increasing costs and often decreasing resources, we cannot afford to discourage state and local investments in our schools, our teachers, and most importantly, our students.”

Congress should reconsider the current proposals to cut or minimize SALT-D and instead design any tax reform legislation to strengthen our nation’s support for the critical work of our public school systems.

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About the Consortium

The [Large Countywide and Suburban District Consortium](#) is an invitational network of large, diverse, innovative, and leading suburban and countywide school districts dedicated to dramatically improving public education through collaboration, leadership, and advocacy. The Consortium envisions a public education system that ensures every student—regardless of background—realizes his or her full potential.

Together, the Consortium's 19 districts span 13 states from Washington to Florida, include 8 of the largest 25 school districts in the nation, enroll an average of 90,000 students, and educate a total of 1.8 million students. Members' growing and increasingly diverse student bodies reflect communities across America, with 58% students of color and 43% qualifying for free or reduced-cost lunch.

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