

Congressman Charles Taylor

Increased Federal Funding for Education in WNC



Congressman Taylor has established the WNC Broadband Initiative that has secured \$14.5 million in federal funding since 2000 to develop a regional infrastructure to provide affordable, high-speed internet access to Western North Carolina. Through this developing infrastructure, local schools have been able to utilize a high-speed internet connection and increase the use of technology in the classroom.

Rep. Taylor also launched the Adventure of the American Mind (AAM) program that now serves as a model for similar programs across the country. Students are able to benefit from this through the AAM Math Labs, a computerized program that allows students to learn at their own pace with teachers available to help the students as needed. Already serving many locations across WNC, the Math Labs prepare students for the demands of higher education and ensures their success at the next, and more challenging level.

Teachers are able to benefit from AAM because it trains them to produce, access and use curriculum utilizing the high-speed technology and materials from the Library of Congress. In the last five years, 3274 teachers in 253 schools in WNC have been trained through AAM. Through this training, teachers are able to quickly incorporate primary sources into the lesson plan instead of simply limiting lectures and class discussion to what is available in a textbook.

To learn more about this and other educational initiatives around WNC, please visit the Education Reform page under the Issues section of Rep. Taylor's website at www.house.gov/charlestaylor.



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS



PROMOTING CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

On June 30, 2004, the Child Nutrition Act was signed into law, enacting significant improvements to the nation's school lunch and child nutrition programs. The new federal law enhances and renews child nutrition and school lunch programs and helps local communities work with parents to fight America's growing child obesity problem.

Strengthening child nutrition programs, the Child Nutrition Act:

- Empowers states and schools to fight childhood obesity
- Improves the integrity of the school lunch program
- Improves access to nutrition for all children

VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act, states and local communities help prepare youth and adults for the future by building their academic and technical skills. The programs equip students with the knowledge to proceed with postsecondary education or pursue other postsecondary opportunities.

Rep. Taylor has worked to strengthen the Perkins program this year by helping states better utilize federal funds for secondary and postsecondary vocational education programs, increasing accountability, emphasizing student achievement, and strengthening opportunities for coordination between secondary and postsecondary vocational and technical education.

Strengthening America's Education System

- Addressing the Childhood Obesity Epidemic
- Renewing and Reforming Special Education
- Strengthening and Improving Early Childhood Education
- Expanding Access to Higher Education for Low and Middle Income Students
- Improving Vocational and Technical Education
- Strengthening Coordination Among Schools, Libraries, & Museums
- Keeping Children Safe
- Expanding Access to Technology