



Congressman Hoyer is strongly committed to public education and believes that we must get our fiscal house in order so that we can adequately invest in this crucial priority.

He is the sponsor of the Full-Service Community Schools Act, modeled after the highly successful Judy Centers throughout Maryland, which would encourage schools to coordinate educational and social service programs through collaborative partnerships with school districts and community-based organizations. By placing services under one roof, Congressman Hoyer believes schools can more effectively and efficiently provide families with access to supports they might not easily have otherwise.

During the worst of the Great Recession, Congressman Hoyer helped prevent 300,000 educator layoffs across our nation, which would have crowded our classrooms and harmed the quality of our kids' education. Congressman Hoyer also helped to enact the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, which saved taxpayers money, made critical investments in higher education by significantly increasing funding for Pell Grants, making loan repayment more affordable by expanding the Income Based Repayment program, and providing \$2 billion to strengthen our community colleges. Finally, he supported important investments in education for disadvantaged students and students with disabilities, provided additional funds for teacher professional development and increased Pell Grant award amounts for needy students pursuing higher education.

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