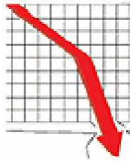


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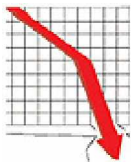
SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT GAP GROWS

Under President Bush, the U.S. has continued to fall behind other industrial nations in academic performance. Our high school graduation rate is lower than in countries like France, Germany and Japan.



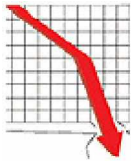
BROKEN PROMISE FOR “NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND” ACT

President Bush said the No Child Left Behind Act was designed to close this achievement gap, yet in 2004 his budget provided \$9 billion less for the Act than Congress authorized. In fact, **President Bush has never met the level of funding authorized to implement his key education Act.**



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS: UNDERFUNDED

Up to 15 million children go home from school to empty homes, yet **President Bush’s 2005 budget includes only half the funding he promised for after-school programs** in the No Child Left Behind Act.



SCHOOLS REJECT DEMANDS NOT BACKED WITH FUNDS

Under funding the No Child Left Behind Act means that many schools are unable to meet the Act’s strict requirements. In Reading, Pennsylvania, the school board has sued the state and federal governments, saying **the Act has created an unfair financial burden on the schools.**



NO HELP FOR SOARING COLLEGE COSTS

College tuition and fees have risen 35% since President Bush took office, yet the Bush administration has refused to provide funding that would allow more students to attend college. For 3 straight years, **Bush has broken his campaign promise to increase the federal student Pell Grant maximum to \$5,100 a year.**



NEW LIMITS ON EARLY EDUCATION

The country’s biggest early education program, **Head Start, has proven to help poor children succeed. Yet President Bush plans to freeze Head Start enrollment,** preventing 40% of children now eligible for Head Start from benefiting from the program.

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2ND BASED ON THE FACTS

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