

## **FACT SHEET**

## **House Committee on Education and the Workforce**

Ranking Member Robert C. "Bobby" Scott

## Vote "NO" on Extreme Republicans' Mean-Spirited Resolution that Threatens to Take Federal Funds from Public K-12 Education

Extreme MAGA Republicans continue to deflect and distract, rather than take any meaningful action to keep students safe in school.

**H. Res. 461** is a mean-spirited resolution, authored by extreme MAGA Republicans, that threatens to take federal funds from public schools if any of their facilities are used to temporarily house refugees or migrants. Republican politicians falsely claim this resolution is intended to keep students safe and address learning loss. Regrettably, this resolution does neither of those things.

Republicans are all talk and *zero action*. In fact, House Republicans have not taken any meaningful steps to help students make up for lost time in the classroom or address violence in schools. Let's check the record.

Problem	Action	Republican Votes
Learning Loss	In 2021, Congressional Democrats and the Biden-Harris administration advanced the <i>American Rescue Plan Act</i> , which provided over \$120 billion dollars for K-12 education to help schools and students recover from the pandemic, 20 percent of which was reserved for addressing learning loss.	
School Safety	In 2022, Committee Democrats advanced the <u>School Shooting</u> <u>Safety and Preparedness Act</u> , which would help us obtain better data on school shootings.	ZERO

This year, alone, we have seen <u>more than 20 school shootings</u> across the country. And, according to the <u>Kaiser Family Foundation</u>, guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens. Parents, teachers, and students are begging Congress to help stop school shootings. Yet, Congressional Republicans continue to ignore them. Any conversation about improving school safety that does not include addressing gun violence is not a serious one.

Don't be distracted by Republicans' rhetoric. There is no credible evidence that taking federal funds from public education to punish schools for being used to temporarily house refugees or migrants keeps students safe or addresses learning loss. Rather than confront the real issues facing students and families, extreme MAGA Republicans would rather waste time on meaningless resolutions that scapegoat asylum seekers and migrants.