



NCLB Making a Difference in Maine

- President Bush's 2005 budget proposal increases federal education funding for Maine to more than \$455.3 million – 39% more than when the President took office.
- President Bush's 2005 budget proposal increases Title I funding to \$46.9 million – \$13.6 million over 2001 levels – to help Maine's neediest children.
- Maine has received \$8.9 million in reading grants to help schools and districts improve children's reading achievement through scientifically proven methods of instruction since 2002. President Bush's proposed budget includes an additional \$3.1 million for Maine. In total, over six years, Maine is set to receive approximately \$19.9 million in Reading First funds.
- "A total of \$3.2 million was given to the state for Title IID, also known as Enhancing Education Through Technology, according to Robert McIntire, Instructional Technology Specialist with the State Department of Education. The *No Child Left Behind* Enhancing Education Through Technology State Grants Program (Ed-Tech) aims to improve student academic achievement through the use of technology in schools. It is also designed to help close the achievement gap by ensuring that every student is technologically literate by the end of eighth grade, and to encourage the effective integration of technology with teacher training and curriculum development to establish successful research-based instructional methods. These grants will provide students and teachers with increased access to technology as well as training to conduct research and develop problem-solving skills." (*Kennebec Morning Sentinel*, 4/15/04)
- "Students' math scores improved at all three grade levels tested on the Maine Educational Assessments for the 2003-04 school year. Education Commissioner Susan Gendron said she was encouraged by the upward movement in math scores in the past three years." (*Kennebeck Morning Sentinel*, 8/7/04)