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**SUBJ:** FY 2006 Appropriation Passed

Attached is a special Funding Alert on the FY 2006 Appropriations Act for education programs which passed the Senate on December 22 after numerous partisan attacks by democrats. The final funding levels for most programs were the result of political horse trading without an overall coherent rationale on the part of Congress. Overall, the appropriation is disappointing for technology advocates. However, there may be some better news in the conference report or other language in related documents which have yet to be released, particularly related to education technology state grants. If you have any questions please contact me directly.