



Bleak outlook for unpopular education program?

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An educational analyst isn't surprised that the Republican-controlled House's budget proposal for 2013 doesn't include education dollars for "Race to the Top."

Race to the Top, initiated with the White House's stimulus package, was supposed to encourage states to agree to education reforms in order to get part of \$4.3 billion. However, the program has not been popular with Republicans -- so Neal McCluskey of the [Cato Institute](#) says they are anxious to cut it.

"The country is facing a staggering national debt, and we're talking about sequestration and all of these dire moves," he notes. "It would be almost impossible to believe that the Republican-controlled House would try and keep Race to the Top this time around."

But Republicans are not the only ones who oppose the program.

"It's also not all that popular with a lot of more liberal educators, including teachers unions, because they don't like some of those things that it's trying to impose," McCluskey explains. "So, I'm not surprised that this isn't in the House budget proposal."

He asserts that the proposal to do away with Race to the Top ensures a heated exchange between the Republican-controlled House and the Democratic-controlled Senate during the upcoming budget battle.