

Charlotte Sun: Local school officials testify at Congressional hearing

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STAFF REPORT

Two Charlotte County Public Schools administrators spoke about the flaws of the No Child Left Behind Act at a congressional hearing in Washington, D.C., Monday.

Neil Armstrong Elementary Kathy Rooker and School Board Chairwoman Andrea Messina said the current system ignores the indicators of a viable school curriculum.

The testimony comes several weeks after the district hosted a meeting about No Child Left Behind.

U.S. Rep. Tim Mahoney, D-Fla., and U.S. Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., met with eight school districts last month to discuss reauthorization of the bill. The event was hosted at Neil Armstrong Elementary.

The No Child Left Behind Act was signed into law in 2002 to improve academic performance of schools by increasing accountability standards of states and districts.

Student progress is measured annually for math and reading in grades 3-8, and at least once in high school.

The federal law is expected to come before Congress for reauthorization this fall.