

Trump/DeVos Budget Plan:

Less for Public Schools, More for Private School Vouchers

The Trump/DeVos fiscal year 2018 budget request for the Education Department would lop off \$1 billion from the Title I program for a new portability scheme called *Furthering Options for Children to Unlock Success (FOCUS)*. The proposed FOCUS grants would provide supplemental awards to school districts that agree to adopt weighted student funding combined with open enrollment systems that allow Federal, State, and local funds to follow students to any public school. As a result, \$578 million less (-3.7%) would be available for regular Title I grants in the 2018-19 school year than is available in 2017-18. Special education grants to states (IDEA) would be cut as well by \$113 million (-0.9%). Under the Trump/DeVos budget plan, the federal share of the cost of educating students with disabilities would fall to the lowest level since 2001. Even while cutting Title I and IDEA, the Trump/DeVos budget plan would redirect savings from these programs to a new private school voucher program. The accompanying table illustrates the impact of cutting Title I and IDEA by state. The White House says its intent is to create a leaner, more efficient government that does more with less of taxpayers' hard-earned dollars. When it comes to federal education programs that provide educational opportunity to low-income students and those with disabilities, however, the proposed budget does less in public schools with fewer dollars while transferring taxpayers' hard-earned dollars to private schools through vouchers.

Educational Opportunity Programs Proposed for Cuts and the Impact by State

State	Grants to Local Educational Agencies (ESEA Title I, Part A)		Special Education Grants to States (IDEA Part B-611)	
	Current Funding Loss	Equivalent to Cutting Services for this Number of Low-Income Students	Current Funding Loss	Equivalent to Shifting Federal Costs to Schools for this Number of Students
Alabama	\$9,074,423	13,859	\$1,788,106	843
Alaska	1,921,739	2,545	386,699	184
Arizona	11,700,128	11,775	2,181,141	1,459
Arkansas	6,191,197	11,615	1,126,435	682
California	61,794,291	124,139	12,537,372	7,277
Colorado	6,650,642	16,268	1,703,955	951
Connecticut	4,000,825	6,340	1,269,227	675
Delaware	1,858,899	1,835	387,808	228
District of Columbia	1,462,818	2,321	202,645	135
Florida	31,685,554	59,550	6,431,458	3,725
Georgia	19,771,209	40,281	3,672,264	2,225
Hawaii	2,041,247	3,473	406,569	192
Idaho	2,446,376	5,930	589,524	297
Illinois	24,584,500	39,758	2,728,194	1,484
Indiana	9,314,516	17,990	2,505,085	1,542
Iowa	3,891,221	8,092	1,161,945	574
Kansas	4,850,286	11,012	1,054,401	708
Kentucky	7,645,721	12,927	1,545,586	993
Louisiana	11,181,095	15,956	1,941,891	842
Maine	2,175,519	3,342	516,843	293
Maryland	7,703,590	12,995	1,952,970	949
Massachusetts	7,785,222	12,211	2,693,166	1,514
Michigan	19,120,080	26,428	4,042,427	1,973
Minnesota	6,131,238	12,484	1,848,648	1,154
Mississippi	6,699,797	11,937	1,221,651	668
Missouri	9,100,149	16,953	2,167,813	1,137
Montana	2,028,189	2,647	387,156	174
Nebraska	2,918,662	5,397	711,050	430

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	Current Funding Loss	Equivalent to Cutting Services for this Number of Low-Income Students	Current Funding Loss	Equivalent to Shifting Federal Costs to Schools for this Number of Students
Nevada	4,928,159	9,115	832,814	610
New Hampshire	1,811,599	2,236	451,347	259
New Jersey	11,738,978	16,095	3,429,286	2,092
New Mexico	4,746,286	8,464	876,031	447
New York	38,933,600	44,297	7,297,364	4,496
North Carolina	16,729,858	32,515	3,535,613	1,988
North Dakota	1,455,725	1,263	324,552	153
Ohio	25,275,922	34,948	4,398,406	2,539
Oklahoma	5,885,767	14,489	1,477,715	1,085
Oregon	5,497,397	10,358	1,278,522	845
Pennsylvania	19,644,900	25,162	4,274,868	3,036
Rhode Island	1,688,916	2,101	414,558	212
South Carolina	9,187,454	16,009	1,724,643	916
South Dakota	1,847,084	2,046	386,769	215
Tennessee	11,395,152	20,582	1,890,097	1,035
Texas	51,879,172	113,760	10,667,525	4,632
Utah	3,762,560	10,095	1,199,044	799
Vermont	1,378,124	1,286	311,740	153
Virginia	8,451,251	16,473	2,829,497	1,648
Washington	8,955,593	19,238	2,251,515	1,358
West Virginia	3,159,087	4,267	1,695	0
Wisconsin	9,465,306	16,254	2,026,371	1,088
Wyoming	1,404,753	1,380	326,524	172
Puerto Rico	22,153,982	20,034	1,312,360	1,357
Outlying Areas	8,577,231	-	(34,885)	-
Bureau of Indian Education	12,661,011	-	0	-
Other	0	-	0	-
Undistributed	-	-	-	-
National	\$578,344,000	952,527	\$112,646,000	64,442

Source: U.S. Department of Education's Budget Service for funding cuts by state. NEA calculated the number of low-income students losing Title I services using data by state on students qualifying for free- and reduced-price lunch from the National Center for Education Statistics. NEA calculated the number of students with disabilities whose federal cost would shift to schools using data by state on the number of students served under IDEA from the EDFacts Data Warehouse.

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