

# Stop Cuts to Education, Support Our Students



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**The Trump administration has already made targeted cuts in funding for diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility. More and broader cuts are coming. We also expect a push to convert major education programs to block grants and a voucher scheme that could rob public schools of as much as \$100 billion. Our students will pay the price.**

## WHERE WE ARE NOW

- ▶ A March 20 executive order from President Trump directs the Secretary of Education to “take all necessary steps to facilitate the closure of the Department of Education.”
- ▶ The Department of Education’s staff has already been **cut in half**, undermining its ability to protect students’ rights and provide necessary services—especially for students with disabilities.
- ▶ The plan includes moving special education and student loan programs from the Department of Education to other agencies.
- ▶ The Trump administration is refusing to reimburse states and school districts for COVID relief funds previously approved, committed, and spent.
- ▶ Cuts in the Department of Education’s teaching and learning programs threaten our success as a nation—today’s students are America’s future leaders and workforce.

## WHAT LIES AHEAD

- ▶ Title I and IDEA funding could be slashed and repurposed as block grants that can be used almost any way—including a **voucher scheme** that diverts taxpayer dollars from public to private and religious schools that are not accountable to the public.
- ▶ Slashing Title I grants would affect **26 million students nationwide** and create big budget holes states could close only by cutting services or raising taxes.
- ▶ Under block grant funding, **7.5 million students with disabilities** would lose important rights, protections, and services.
- ▶ Any shortfall in federal funding is likely to lead to fewer educators—for students, that means bigger classes, less individual attention, and less support.
- ▶ For details on how much federal education funding is at risk in your state and congressional district, check out our [Federal Funding Guide](#).