

**Mar. 17, 2025**

Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors

Today, I am sharing the following updates:

- [3/14/25 update from the US Department of Education](#)
- [Continuing resolution passed on 3/14/25](#)
- [ED 3/17/25 press release on FAFSA](#)
- [Executive Order: “Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy”](#)

### **3/14/25 update from the US Department of Education**

Last week, the US Department of Education (ED) [shared this letter](#) from Acting Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education Hayley Sanon about the reduction in force at ED.

### **Continuing resolution passed on 3/14/25**

As you know, at the end of last week Congress approved the Continuing Resolution (CR) to avoid a government shutdown. All the formula grant funding for the 2024-25 school year from our large formula grants (Title I, III, and the IDEA) has already been received and distributed.

This CR provides CDE with the 2025-26 school year formula grant funding. We anticipate receiving these funds for FY 2025-26 this summer.

### **ED 3/17/25 press release on FAFSA**

In a [press release from this afternoon](#), ED shared that it is making “additional form improvements” to the FAFSA.

### **Executive Order: “Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy”**

On Friday, March 14, [President Trump issued a new executive order](#) directing multiple federal agencies, including the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to reduce functions outside the scope of what is statutorily required and to reduce resources for statutory functions to what is minimally required. In the event you hear concerns or questions from your school librarians, please let them know that the IMLS Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and the Grants to States program that provides federal funding to the Colorado State Library (CSL) is statutorily required. At this time, there are no known impacts expected to current federal funding received by CSL.