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Dear Superintendents and BOCES leaders,

Today I am sharing the following updates:

- [School Based Mental Health Grant](#)
- [Title VI Certification Follow Up](#)

School Based Mental Health Grant:

On April 29, we were notified by the US Department of Education that our School Based Mental Health Grant will not be continued after December 31, 2025, which is the end of the current grant budget period. This grant was awarded in October 2024 and was anticipated to provide \$1.5 million each year for a five-year period running from 2024 to 2029. We have since learned that [\\$1 Billion in mental health grants for K-12 and higher education were cut.](#)

The grant awarded to CDE was still in its early implementation phase and no funds had yet been distributed to the field. However, the grant was designed to support local education agencies in recruiting and retaining school mental health professionals, as well as re-specializing existing mental health professionals to serve students in school settings.

We are deeply disappointed by this decision. Addressing the mental health needs of students remains one of the most urgent priorities identified by school and district leaders throughout Colorado.

Title VI Certification Follow Up:

We received an email from ED that included the following message:

On Thursday, April 24, 2025, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia enjoined the U.S. Department of Education from implementing and enforcing its April 3, 2025, Title VI Certification Letter. A copy of that Court Order is attached here. As a result, the Department will take no further action concerning the Title VI Certification Letter unless and until further notice is provided.

Please be advised that the Court Order does not preclude the U.S. Department of Education from initiating any enforcement actions that it may otherwise pursue under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and its implementing regulations.

Warm regards,

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