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Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors,

Today I am sharing the following updates

- US Department of Education (ED) announces increased charter funding
- Secretary McMahon scheduled to testify before House Committee on Appropriations

US Department of Education (ED) announces increased charter funding

Secretary of Education Linda McMahon announced on Friday that ED would [increase funding for the federal Charter Schools Program](#) by \$60 million in FY2025. This increases the program's total funding to \$500 million.

Secretary McMahon scheduled to testify before House Committee on Appropriations:

U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon is scheduled to testify before the House Committee on Appropriations to provide additional details on President Donald Trump's fiscal year 2026 budget request for the U.S. Department of Education on Wednesday, May 21, at 10 a.m. EDT. The hearing will be streamed online [here](#). As a reminder, the Trump Administration released a "[skinny](#)" budget request on May 2, which included broad proposals for ED discretionary funding.

Warm Regards,

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