

June 2, 2025

Dear Superintendents and BOCES directors,

As we move into the summer months, we are going to shift to sending updates on Mondays only - if there is no update to provide, we will share that in the Monday message. If timely issues occur, we will send additional updates during the week as needed.

Today, I am sharing the following updates:

- [Updates from the Council of Chief State Schools Officers](#)
- [Education Secretary Linda McMahon's scheduled testimony to Senate and House](#)

Updates from the Council of Chief State Schools Officers

This morning, the Council of Chief State Schools Officers shared the following update and overview of the proposed federal budget for the 2026 fiscal year. This proposed budget is not final, it must be approved by Congress through the FY 2026 appropriation process.

On Friday, May 30, the Trump Administration released its [budget proposal](#) for Fiscal Year 2026, which begins on October 1 of this year. Here is a [link](#) to a detailed summary prepared by the Penn Hill Group. Key highlights include:

- *Proposing \$12.35 billion (15%) reduction in overall funding for ED discretionary programs which are inclusive of reductions described below;*
- *Proposing funding for ESEA Title I, Part A maintained at current levels;*
- *Proposing to consolidate 18 separate individual K-12 funding streams into one \$2 billion "Simplified Funding Program" (K-12 SFP) that would reduce funding levels for the underlying programs by about \$4.5 billion if enacted;*
- *Requesting that Congress retain requirements for the continued administration of state assessments under Title I of ESEA, notwithstanding the proposed consolidation of the ESEA State Assessments program within the proposed K-12 SFP;*
- *Requesting a \$60 million increase for the Charter Schools Program;*
- *Proposing elimination of funding for the ESEA Title I, Part C Migrant Education Program, currently funded at \$376 million;*
- *Proposing the elimination of ESEA Title III English Language Acquisition funding, currently funded at \$890 million;*
- *Requesting level funding for Perkins CTE State Grants;*
- *Proposing a \$677 million increase for IDEA, Part B Grants to States, due to the consolidation of other IDEA funding streams into this program.*

Education Secretary Linda McMahon's scheduled testimony to Senate and House

On Tuesday, June 3, Secretary McMahon is scheduled to testify before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies on the proposed federal budget. She is then scheduled to testify before the House Committee on Education and Workforce on Wednesday, June 4. You can [follow this link for a recording](#) of Secretary McMahon's May 21 testimony before the House Committee on Appropriations.

Warm regards,

Susana Cordova