

**Feb. 13, 2025**

Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors,

For today's update, I would like to share:

- [News of funding cuts at the US Department of Education](#)
- [Sub-Cabinet Presidential nominees for US Department of Education leadership](#)
- [Confirmation hearing for Secretary of Education](#)

### **Funding cuts at the US Department of Education**

We are aware of and following the [news of funding cuts](#) at the US Department of Education (USDE). While we have not received further information or guidance from the USDE, multiple news outlets have reported that reductions were focused on the Institute of Education Sciences. USDE spokesperson Madison Biedermann has said that the cuts will not affect the NAEP or the College Scorecard.

### **Sub-Cabinet Presidential nominees for US Department of Education leadership**

The US Department of Education [shared a press release announcing six nominees](#) for department leadership positions.

### **Confirmation hearing for Secretary of Education**

As I shared earlier this week, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee is holding a confirmation hearing to consider the nomination of Linda McMahon to serve as Secretary of the US Department of Education. The hearing started this morning and is ongoing as of this afternoon. It is being live streamed on the [HELP website](#).

Given the holiday, we will send our Monday update to you on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Have a great Valentine's Day with your loved ones.