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**Education Advocates, Community Leaders to Hold Presser/Rally/Event on Protecting Students, Public Schools**

**CITY, STATE** — **On DATE and TIME**, **MAIN ATTENDEE(S)** and education and parent organization leaders across **STATE** will convene to discuss the immediate need to protect **STATE** students against the harmful, anti-public education policies of the current Trump administration. Additionally, the group will discuss how those policies will directly impact **STATE** students and communities.

The **EVENT** follows the recent confirmation vote of U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon, as well as the effort to [dismantle the Department of Education](https://www.nea.org/about-nea/media-center/press-releases/nea-president-americas-students-would-pay-price-trumps-latest-gift-billionaires), [pass universal vouchers](https://www.nea.org/about-nea/media-center/press-releases/trumps-latest-executive-order-overreaches-steal-money-public-school-students-fund-private-school) and cut vital services Washington students depend on in their public schools. Other local advocates and others across **STATE** will speak out against Executive Orders that will strip resources from vulnerable students, including those with disabilities, and make higher education more expensive for future generations. Press members and the public will also learn how **STATE CITIZENS** can equip themselves to demand their legislators and Members of Congress push back against these harmful policies. Questions will be welcomed.

**WHY IT MATTERS LOCALLY:**Students in every community across **STATE** benefit from programs run by the Department of Education, especially lower-income students in rural, suburban, and urban communities; students who qualify for federal grants or loans to receive career training or attend 2- and 4-year colleges; and students with disabilities. In our **STATE** communities, [these proposed cuts would directly affect local schools](http://click.email.nea.org/?qs=f79614b550a25003c396662a0d55cc8a96d43a8e3e4fb7c214db383b1a1859892b34d5684ce9ad96cd0af58c7a393ac2ef489aba03dc881d), impacting funding, educational opportunities, and support systems for students who rely on vital services.

* More than **TKTKTK** students in **STATE** receive Title I funds from the Department of Education. **STATE** public schools would lose millions in vital funding to hire teachers and other school support staff.
* Losing federal dollars would further exacerbate the educator shortages plaguing **STATE** public schools, causing students’ class sizes to balloon.
* Special education programs will suffer with the loss of more than **NUMBER** that goes to students. **STATE** educators and parents expect elected officials to prioritize our students’ futures and strengthen our public schools, so they remain a cornerstone of opportunity and equality.

**Who:**

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**What: EVENT** educating the media and public about the harmful policies of the current administration, their impacts on students and public schools, and the importance of **STATE** legislators and Members of Congress pushing back. Members of the media will be given the first opportunity to ask questions.

**When: TIME.**

 **Where: LOCATION.** Directions can be found **here (link Google Map to location of event)**.

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