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Department of Education Faces Major Funding Cuts

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Philadelphia, PA - March 11, 2025 - As of March 11, 2025, the Department of Education faces serious funding cuts. According to the U.S Department of Education, this decision has brought widespread concerns to individuals, affecting educators, parents, and policy makers throughout the U.S.

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According to the NCES employee, the cuts to the Department of Education will result in reductions of programs such as the Pell Grants, Title 1 funding, and State Grants, which heavily helps students that come from low-income households. Advocates for public education have been quick to voice their opinions and concerns. The National Education Association, the largest teachers' union in the U.S., expressed strong opposition to the cuts, describing them as harmful to the nation’s public schools.

Bridget Link, a high school teacher at West Catholic in West Philadelphia, expressed her concerns during an interview.

“As a teacher and a mother I am seeing the possible effects of defunding and disassembling the Department of Education. First, at my school we receive Title 1 funding to assist students with IEPs. If funding is cut for Title 1 the teachers that teach these programs would not have the resources needed to be successful” said Bridget Link.

“As a single mother. I depend on federal grants and loans so my daughter who is currently in her first year can attend school at West Chester University for another 3 years. If the programs are cut, I would have to cosign private loans to assist her continuing education” said Bridget Link.

The Department of Education has roughly lost half of its workforce. Critics argue that the cuts to education funding will have long-term detrimental effects on the nation’s future. Parents, teachers, and students have voiced their concerns. “As a student, it’s really hard to stay motivated when you feel like the future of your education isn’t being prioritized.” said Layla DeFrancis, a freshman at West Chester University.

The Department of Education has announced plans to reduce the impact of the cuts by seeking alternative funding sources and implementing cost-saving measures. However, many still remain concerned about how well these measures will be due to the immediate needs from schools.

As this situation continues to be figured out, the funding cuts have resulted in a conversation throughout the nation on how important education is for everyone as a whole. As the debate continues, education advocates are calling on Congress to reconsider the cuts and find other ways to address the nation's financial challenges without sacrificing the future of American students.