



USSA-04-2526

A Resolution in Opposition to the Dismantlement of the United States Department of Education

¹**WHEREAS**, the United States Student Association (USSA) represents the millions of students enrolled at colleges and universities in the United States; and,

²**WHEREAS**, the mission of the USSA is to serve as the dedicated federal lobbying arm and official voice of the students of the students enrolled at institutions of higher education within the United States, advocating on issues of higher education; and,

³**WHEREAS**, on March 20th, 2025, the Trump Administration issued Executive Order on Improving Education Outcomes by Empowering Parents, States and Communities^[1]; and,

⁴**WHEREAS**, the Executive Order states that the United States Department of Education shall, to maximum extent, and permitted by law, take all necessary steps to facilitate the closure of the Department of Education; and,

⁵**WHEREAS**, on November 18th, 2025, a public announcement by the US Department of Education that six interagency agreements were made with other agencies to transfer some of its offices to other government agencies^[2]; and,

⁶**WHEREAS**, in the announcement, it was announced that sections of the Office of Postsecondary Education, which includes federal education grant programs will be comanaged by the Department of Labor and that the Office of Indian Education, which

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[2]- <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/education-department-begin-transferring-offices-agencies-move-dismantling/story?id=127640142>
[Department of Education Move to Transfer Responsibilities To Other Agencies Will Undermine Education and Create Confusion for Families, Students, and Schools - The Institute for College Access & Success](#)
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<https://www.ed.gov/about/news/press-release/us-department-of-education-announces-six-new-agency-partnerships-break-federal-bureaucracy>



manages child support for parents attending colleges would be moved to the Department of Interior; and,

⁷**WHEREAS**, Historically, in addition to these programs and offices, the Department of Education has maintained the FAFSA system that allows students to receive federal loans and the Pell Grant, thus increasing the affordability for students to attend institutions of Higher Education; and,

⁸**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education maintains programs like TRIO, GEARUP and FIRSE meant to create equitable opportunities for all students including first generation college students, students with disabilities; and,

⁹**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education also enforces Title VI, Title IX, and other federal protections against discrimination, as well as maintain civil rights standards for the Higher Education community, ensuring that all students are treated fairly and equally while pursuing degrees at US institutions; and,

¹⁰**WHEREAS**, decentralizing these programs, grants and resources by moving them to another department could generate confusion for students, colleges and grantees, and further reduce the efficiency of both the bureaucratic agencies but also the effectiveness of the programs that are currently under the Department of Education; and,

¹¹**WHEREAS**, due to this confusion, students may not know where to go to access educational programs, and thus reduce the number of applicants and recipients of these federal programs; and,

¹²**WHEREAS**, the decrease in the both the efficiency of the bureaucratic agencies and programs could cause delays in grant awarding and acceptance of applications, thus decreasing the affordability of attaining a higher education degree in the United States, and in turn, creates more barriers for students to attend college; and,

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¹³**WHEREAS**, the dismantlement of the Department of Education, and the movement of offices under the Department goes against the mission of the United States Student Association as these actions go against the interest, welfare and needs of students; so,

¹**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the United States Student Association opposes all efforts to dismantle the US Department of Education, and any effort to move offices under the Department of Education to other US agencies; and,

²**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the United States Student Association shall explore all possible legal actions to oppose the closure of the United States Department of Education; and,

³**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the United States Student Association shall actively collaborate with other organizations opposing the closure of the United States Department of Education, and to work with congressional legislators to oppose the closure of the Department of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

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