

Honorable Linda McMahon
Secretary of Education
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave SW
Washington, DC 20202

Honorable Russell Vought
Director
Office of Management and Budget
1650 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20503

Cc: White House, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives

July 25, 2025

Dear Secretary McMahon & Director Vought,

On behalf of the National Parent Teacher Association (National PTA), the 193 PTAs listed below, and our members across the country, **we write with extreme concern for your recent decision to withhold \$6.9 billion in funding for educational programs and urge you to swiftly release this critical funding for distribution to the schools, families and children that rely upon it.**

This must include the release of the following FY25 funds that were authorized by Congress earlier this year and signed into law by President Trump:

- \$2.19 billion for state grants supporting effective instruction (Title II-A)
- \$1.38 billion for student support and academic achievement grants (Title IV-A)
- \$1.33 billion for 21st century community learning center (Title IV-B)
- \$890 million for English language acquisition grants (Title III-A)
- \$376 million for migrant education state grants (Title I-C)
- \$715 million for adult education and family literacy state grants

In addition, we implore you to restore the \$1 billion in state and local grant funding allocated for school-based mental health support and services. The Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration Grant and the School-Based Mental Health Services Grant programs are two of the few opportunities schools across the country have to address pervasive shortages of school psychologists, school counselors and school social workers in an effort to address the ongoing youth mental health crisis and ensure all children feel safe, supported and included in their school community. It is critical that the Administration swiftly release these funds to provide access to essential behavioral and mental health support and services for our children.

As the oldest and largest child advocacy association in America, we know that federal investments are critical to ensuring the educational success of all children in our country and that the long-term success of our nation depends on quality federal investments in our education system. In particular, the funds currently being withheld are essential to improving academic outcomes and student well-being across the country. For example, student support

and academic achievement grants (the Title IV-A program), is a bipartisan flexible block grant that supports investments in safe and healthy students, well-rounded education programs, and the effective use of technology in education. The latest research¹ has found that the continued withholding of this funding is already impacting families, children and schools in every community, with school districts serving a large percentage of students from low-income families being hit the hardest—losing five times the per pupil funding. In addition, school districts represented by Republican members of Congress have been disproportionately affected, with districts in California, Florida, Georgia and West Virginia accounting for half of the 100 school districts most impacted. The Title IV-A program and others outlined above are extremely important to families and schools, and withholding or delaying release of these funds forces districts to make tough decisions and undermines educational opportunities and the well-being of all children in communities across the country.

For over 128 years, our association and our members have advocated and worked to ensure all schools and families have the proper resources and support needed to help all children learn, grow and succeed. **Today, we urge you to swiftly release ALL the critical funding outlined above for distribution to the schools, families, and children that rely upon it.**

Thank you for your consideration of our request, and please feel free to contact National PTA's Director of Government Affairs, Kate Clabaugh, at kclabaugh@pta.org if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you to continue building a future where all children can reach their full potential and thrive.

Sincerely,

National PTA

State PTAs

Alabama PTA

Arizona PTA

California State PTA

Colorado PTA

Connecticut PTA

Delaware PTA

European PTSA

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<https://www.newamerica.org/education-policy/edcentral/a-district-by-district-accounting-of-the-62-billion-the-us-department-of-education-has-held-back-from-schools/>

Florida PTA

Free State PTA

Georgia PTA

Hawai'i State PTSA

Illinois PTA

Indiana PTA

Kansas PTA

Kentucky PTA

Louisiana PTA

Maine PTA

Michigan PTA

Minnesota PTA

Mississippi PTA

Missouri PTA

Montana PTA

Nebraska PTA

New Jersey PTA

New Mexico PTA

North Dakota PTA

NYS PTA

Ohio PTA

Oregon PTA

Pennsylvania State PTA

PR PTA

Rhode Island PTA

South Dakota PTA

Tennessee PTA

US Virgin Islands Congress of Parents Teachers and Students, Association , Inc.

Utah PTA

Virginia PTA

Washington State PTA

Wisconsin PTA

Wyoming PTA

Local PTAs

Advocates PTA

Alachua County Council PTA

Alexandria City Council PTA

Annapolis High School PTSA

Archer Elementary PTA

Armstrong Elementary School

Athenian Academy PTSA

Bamber Valley Elementary PTA

Baldwin Middle Senior High School

Barry Elementary PTA

Bartram Springs Elementary PTA

Bay Vista Fundamental PTA

Beulah Elementary PTA

Bonnie Branch Middle School PTA

Boyet Jr. High PTA

Bryn Mawr Elementary PTA

Burlington County Council PTA

Cannon Road Elementary PTA

Carolyn Beatrice Parker Elementary PTA

Chets Creek Elementary PTA

Charles Drew Elementary

Chatsworth PTA

Christian Ott Elementary PTA

Clearspring Elementary PTA

Cloverly Elementary School
Cordill Mason Elementary PTA
Curlew Creek Elementary
Curtis Fundamental Elementary PTA
Cypress Cove Elementary PTA
Cypress Creek Elementary PTA
Davidson Comets PTA
Deep Run Elementary School PTA
Deer Park Elementary School PTA
Deerfield Beach Middle School PTSA
Dora Kennedy French Immersion PTA
Douglas L. Jamerson Elementary PTA
Dr John Long Middle School PTSA
Dumbarton Parent Teacher Student Association
Duncan Fletcher Middle School
Dunedin Elementary PTA
Duval County Council of PTAs
East Lake High School PTSA
Eastern Technical High School PTSA
Emmet D. Williams Elementary PtA
EPiC Elementary PTA
Escambia County Council of PTA
Eugene Field Elementary PTA
EXCEL Eagles PTSA
Fairland Elementary School
Falcon Heights PTSA
Fields Road Elementary School
Fletcher Senior High School
George W. Gibbs Elementary PTA
GHSPTSA

Glenarden Woods Elementary School PTA
Glenelg High School PTSA
Glen Springs Elementary PTA
Grandview District Council PTA
Greco Middle Magnet School
Hanover Hills Elementary School PTA
Hazelwood West High School PTSA
Hillsborough County Special Education PTA
Hillsborough County Council PTA
Honey Island Elementary PTA
Hopewell Elementary
Huskies in Harmony PTA
Independence Council PTA
Indian River County Council PTA
Island Lake Elementary PTA
Jackson Road Elementary School PTA
Jefferson Elementary PTSA
Jessup Elementary School PTA
John B. Lange Middle School PTSA
John Hopkins Middle School
Joseph L. Carwise Middle PTSA
Journey Elementary PTA
Julia Landon College Prep PTSA
Kaiserslautern Elementary School PTA
Kanapaha Middle School PTSA
Kasson-Mantorville Elementary School PTA
Kellybrook Elementary PTA
KES PTA
Kimberly Wiggins-Kenner/Sulphur Springs K8
Lakewood High School

Largo Middle IB World School
Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary PTA
Lawton Chiles Elementary School PTA
Lawton Chiles Middle School
Leila G. Davis Elementary School PTA
Liberty Middle School
Liberty North Eagle Club
Lithia Springs Elementary School PTA
Little Falls Elementary PTA
Little Oak Middle School PTA
Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School PTA
LSES Lithia Springs elementary
Lyons Mill Explorers PTA
MacFarlane Park Elementary PTS
Madison Middle School PTSA
Manor Hill PTA
Meadowbrook Elementary
Meadowmere Elementary PTA
Miami-Dade County Council PTA
Montgomery Blair PTSA
Newport Mill Middle School
Norton Elementary
Oak Grove Elementary PTA
Oakwood Elementary School PTA
Olson Middle School PTSA
Orange Grove Elementary PTA
Owings Mills High School PTSA
Ozark West Elementary PTA
Palm Beach County Council PTA
Pasco County Council PTA

PCCPTA

Pikesville Middle

Pinellas County Council PTA

Piney Point PTA

PLE PTA

PTA Council of Baltimore County

Rampello K-8 Downtown Partnership School

Redland Elementary PTA

Red Rock Central PTA

Riverside Elementary School PTA

Roland Park K-8 IB Magnet School

San Jose Elementary

San Mateo Elementary PTA

Schwarzkopf Elementary PTA

Seaside Mandarin PTA

Seven Oaks Elementary School PtA

Spring Valley Elementary PTA

Stanton College Prep High School

Steinbrenner HS PTSA

Sunset Hill Elementary PTSA

Tarpon Springs Elementary PTA

Towson High School

Turtle Lake Elementary PTA

UPES PTA

Vilseck Elementary School PTSA

Vogelweh Elementary PTA

Volusia County Council of PTA

Wadewitz PTA

W.B. Dickenson Elementary PTA

Walkersville High School PTSA

West Annapolis Elementary School PTA

Westchester Elementary PTA

Westgate Elementary PTA

West Riverside Elementary PTA

West Tampa Elementary PTA

Whitehall Elementary PTAS

White Oak Middle School PTSA

Woodholme Elementary PTA

Woodlawn High School PTSA
