

A RESOLUTION OF THE INDIANA-ARMSTRONG CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL URGING CONGRESS TO PROTECT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND STAND-UP FOR OUR KIDS AND OUR COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, President Trump has called for the dismantling of the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania K-12 schools receive almost \$5 billion, or more \$2,500 per pupil from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, these funds provide critical support that students with disabilities rely on to succeed in school, and

WHEREAS, these cuts will eliminate the hands-on, real-world experiences in Career and Technician Education programs that provide a pathway to a successful career right of high school; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania post-secondary institutions receive about \$4,000 per student from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 economically disadvantaged Pennsylvania students receive Pell Grants to support their college education; and

WHEREAS, all of these federal funds and programs ensure children from low-income families have many of the same rich educational experiences that children from wealthy backgrounds enjoy; and

WHEREAS, gutting the department would mean fewer teachers and support staff, who are part of our local communities; and

WHEREAS, states and local school districts are already in charge of the decisions about how to educate their students; and

WHEREAS dismantling the Department and slashing federal support for education will put a tremendous strain on rural, suburban and urban communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Indiana-Armstrong Central Labor Council hereby calls on members of the House of Representatives and Senate to say no to President Trump's plans to dismantle the Department of Education that Congress created; and

That the Indiana-Armstrong Central Labor Council urges its delegates, affiliated organizations, community allies and friends to support their siblings working in education as they march on March 4<sup>th</sup>; and

That the Indiana-Armstrong Central Labor Council appeals to its delegates, affiliated organizations, community allies and friends to urge their Representatives and Senators to protect the Department of Education and vote against cuts to education.

ENACTED by the Indiana-Armstrong Central Labor Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

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