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The Honorable Linda E. McMahon  
Secretary of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue SW  
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Dear Secretary McMahon,

I commend the efforts you and President Trump have taken to minimize the administrative burden at the Department of Education, freeing up more taxpayer funds for school districts and students. I support your continual assessment of various programs within the Department of Education as critical to the core mission of improving K-12 educational outcomes. While I welcome the review of many of these programs, withholding these funds and issuing a review at the last-minute rips the rug out from under our schools.

As you know, on June 30, 2025, the Department of Education announced a review of \$6.8B for several formula funding programs, including Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants (Title II-A); 21st Century Community Learning Centers (Title IV-B); Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants (Title IV-A); English Language Acquisition (Title III-A); Migrant Education (Title I-C); and Adult Basic and Literacy Education State Grants (including Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education State Grants).

Traditionally disbursed on July 1, these funds are critical for school districts that are facing the stresses of a new school year. The delay in funding could jeopardize schools' abilities to provide services to students, and it creates confusion for our teachers, parents, and students.

Florida school districts are disproportionately affected by the review of these programs. Of the twenty school districts that are having their funds withheld, six are in the state of Florida. These school districts include Dade County, Broward County, Hillsborough County, Orange County, Duval County, and Lee County. In Northeast Florida, I have the honor of representing Duval County Schools, who are a few short weeks away from welcoming students back into the classroom. I respectfully request that you release these congressionally appropriated funds for the current school year to avoid additional confusion and unintended consequences.

Thank you for your efforts to focus the Department's resources to make sure our children receive the education they need to be successful. I look forward to working with you in the future to create a smaller, smarter government that works for the American people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron Bean". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Aaron Bean  
Member of Congress