

Trump planned cuts to Department of Education K-12

Overall budget – Cuts \$9 billion dollars, 13%, from the 2017 level. Decreases budget from \$68 billion to \$59 billion

Specifics

Increase investments in public and private school choice by \$1.4 billion (including \$168 million for charter schools, \$250 million for new private school choice.)

Increase Title I by \$1 billion

- Background: Title I is federal grants to state and local districts to help educate the most disadvantaged students
- This \$1 billion increase will be “dedicated to encourage districts budgeting and open enrollment to allow students to take their local, state and federal money to the public school of their choice.”

Maintains \$13 billion in IDEA programs which support special need students

Eliminate the \$2.4 B Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants Program (Title II of ESSA)

- Background: Title II provides funds to states for teacher effectiveness, professional development, mentoring and retention
- Budget states that money is poorly targeted, spread thinly and “scant” evidence of impact
- Nationwide total for this program – \$2.4B
- Funds Kentucky received in 2016-2017 school year – over \$33,000,000
- Funds to Kentucky Sixth District – over \$4,500,000

Eliminates the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program

- Background – Title IV Part B ESSA; – supports before and after-school programs and summer programs for disadvantaged students
- Budget states this program lacks evidence of improving student achievement and other objectives
- \$1.2 Billion savings nationwide
- Funds Kentucky received in 2016-2017 school year - over \$13,700,000
- Funds to Kentucky Sixth District schools – over \$1,000,000

Eliminates or reduces over 20 categorical programs – specifically, lists only four of these

- Reason for elimination - the programs do not address national needs, duplicate other programs and are more appropriately supported with State, local or private funds
- Programs specified include (only 4 of the 20 specified in the skinny budget)
 - Striving Readers
 - Program to increase literacy skills from birth to 12th grade
 - \$158,000,000 spread among six states (not Kentucky)
 - ½ percent reserved for Bureau of Indian Education/1/2% reserved for 4 outlying areas
 - Teacher Quality Partnership

- Grants given to colleges for programs improving teacher education
- Western Kentucky received a five-year grant in 2009 for \$5,000,000
- Impact Aid Support Payments for Federal Property
 - Payments for Federal Property assist local school districts that have lost a portion of their local tax base because of Federal ownership of property, including Indian lands, military bases and low income housing
- International Education programs
 - Provides grants and fellowship programs to help strengthen foreign language instruction, international studies, teaching, professional development and curriculum development for k-12.

Research links:

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/3517657/Trump-2018-Budget.pdf>

<http://education.ky.gov/districts/fin/Pages/Federal-Grants.aspx>

<http://www.centerforpubliceducation.org/Main-Menu/Staffingstudents/Teacher-quality-and-student-achievement-At-a-glance/Teacher-quality-and-student-achievement-Research-review.html>

<https://www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=pn>