

September 18, 2018

President Donald J. Trump
c/o Jack Sewell
White House Office of Public Liaison
Washington D.C.



Re: SECRETARY DEVOS SHOULD BE TERMINATED

Dear Mr. President,

United States Parents Involved in Education (USPIE), a nationwide grassroots organization of parents and education advocates regularly conveys concerns to you and other elected officials about the negative effect of Federal government intrusion in education.

USPIE calls for Congress to abide by the Constitutional structure for education, for the elimination of the U.S. Department of Education, for ending all Federal education programs, and for returning the control of education to parents and local communities. USPIE developed a Blueprint based on references from CATO Institute and The Independent Institute to provide clear reasons and steps to achieving these goals. The Blueprint has been shared extensively with elected officials in Washington D.C.

As USPIE communicated to you previously, we were hopeful, with some reservations regarding the nomination of Mrs. DeVos for Secretary of Education. USPIE believed you would instruct Secretary DeVos to be laser focused on fulfilling your campaign promises to eliminate Common Core, however rebranded, and begin to dismantle the U.S. Department of Education.

Since her appointment, Secretary DeVos has used the hammer of the Federal government to broaden its authority and disregard the rights of states and parents. Three actions in particular demonstrate this disregard:

- threatening states abiding by state parental rights laws through the ESSA plan approval process,
- recommending the merger of the Departments of Education and Labor fundamentally shifting the purpose of education to "workforce development",

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- and now, endorsing the G20's Declaration enshrining the UN's education agenda, which undermines not only parents and states, but the fundamental sovereignty of the United States.

We do not believe these actions are consistent with your "America First" philosophy nor your campaign promises that generated so much enthusiasm.

As one of the nation's largest collaboration of parents, and grassroots education advocates, we are committed to the goal of truly improving education for all of America's children, which begins with reinstating parental authority and control, and ending Federal meddling in education. We continue to be available to assist in this effort.

Given these concerns, we call for the immediate dismissal of Secretary DeVos and for the appointment of an American education leader who will prioritize the fulfillment of your campaign promises.

Sincerely,

U.S. Parents Involved in Education