



MESSAGE *from the* Executive Director

Statement Opposing Executive Order to Dismantle the Department of Education

A great nation emphasizes the importance of education and lifelong learning as the primary driver of success for the country and its people.

A great nation prioritizes the significant duty of serving the students who historically have been disregarded.

A great nation is responsive to the challenge of improving educational and life outcomes for low-income children, students with disabilities, English learners, and homeless students.

A great nation protects students and enforces the laws that ensure discrimination, harassment, and prejudice have no place in our schools.

A great nation does not relegate the essential mission of education to other departments and agencies where critical functions are consolidated and the urgency of improving student outcomes is subsumed.

The Council of the Great City Schools strongly opposes the Executive Order from the Trump Administration to dismantle the U.S. Department of Education. The Department plays a crucial role in supporting states and local districts while fostering educational opportunities for all students attending public schools in the major cities and throughout the United States.

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