

TITLE IV-A

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Washington, DC (March 20, 2025) – Today, President Trump issued an Executive Order directing Secretary McMahon to close the Department of Education to the maximum extent permitted by law.

The [Title IV-A Coalition](#) is an alliance of dozens of national organizations working together to advocate for full funding and the successful implementation of the Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) grants under Title IV-A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This flexible grant, which continues to enjoy bipartisan support and funding from Congress, is designed to ensure that districts have access to programs that foster safe and healthy students, provide students with a well-rounded education, and increase the effective use of technology in our nation's schools.

Ally Talcott, Executive Director of the Title IV-A Coalition issued the following statement in response:

“This is a devastating order that undermines the nation’s public education system and destabilizes the Department of Education. Funds appropriated on a bipartisan basis and Administered by the Department of Education for the Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) program deliver essential resources to school districts. This funding helps districts in their central mission of providing our students with the programs, resources, and supports they need to thrive and succeed. Yet, this Executive Order abandons the federal government’s role in supporting schools and students across the country, which Congress has made clear exists via the laws it has enacted and the programs it funds. We call on the President and Secretary of Education to ensure that the work of the Department of Education continues without interruption and that SSAE program dollars continue to flow seamlessly to states and school districts.”

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