



KA Statement on the Cancellation of the Regional Education Laboratories

The cancellation of all ten Regional Education Laboratories (RELs) across the country continues the unprecedented assault on learning and evaluation in the U.S. education system. RELs are critical engines that help build better schools for our kids, and eliminating them threatens irreparable harm to students, families, and educators in every state and community nationwide.

Earlier this week, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) abruptly cancelled more than one hundred contracts through the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) that supported evaluation, research, and data collection for the U.S. Department of Education. Those cancellations reflect short-sighted, self-defeating policy that will shortchange student learning, harm educator wellbeing, and deny parents critical information about their child's education.

By eliminating RELs, DOGE is compounding that harm. RELs provide research and technical assistance that is tailored to specific states and communities, helping schools and districts tackle the most pressing challenges they face. Working in close partnership with educators, school leaders, and policymakers, RELs help design and implement approaches that meaningfully improve outcomes for everyone in our school communities. By eliminating them, DOGE is making it even harder for students to learn, teachers to teach, and families to thrive.