



## **KA Statement on ED Reductions in Force and Passage of the CR**

Every day, the staff at the U.S. Department of Education does vital work on behalf of students, educators and families across the country. The reduction in force (RIF) [announced yesterday](#), on top of the previous termination of probationary employees, puts the core functions of the Department at risk, including essential research and data collection activities. Far from “efficiency” and “accountability,” this abrupt yet far-reaching decision threatens to create chaos and leave States, districts and individual school communities without the support and resources they need to achieve better outcomes for students.

The RIF announcement comes at the same time Congress is considering a continuing resolution that would permit substantial changes to how Federal education funding is allocated, also threatening the Federal education infrastructure that has supported States and districts for decades.

We share the deep concern of school officials, parents and community members nationwide about the long-term consequences of these personnel and policy changes. We urge the Department to swiftly clarify how it will continue to provide the same level of high-quality, responsive support to students, educators and families, in light of these drastic staff reductions. And we urge policymakers in Congress to pass funding legislation that will preserve Congressional intent to direct education funding towards the most urgently-needed, impactful work.