

FEDERAL RELATIONS UPDATE - 2.3.2025

The **NAESP Federal Relations Coordinators** met on **February 3, 2025**, to discuss key federal education policy updates, upcoming advocacy events, and the latest developments impacting public schools. Below is a summary of the meeting for PA Principals Association members.



National School Leaders Advocacy Conference (NSLAC)

- Scheduled for **March 9-12, 2025**, at the Mayflower Hotel

Federal Policy & Trump Administration Education Priorities

- **Immigration Enforcement in Schools:** Rescission of the ban on enforcement in “sensitive areas” such as schools. [NAESP guidance](#) is available.
- **Executive Orders Issued:**
 - **School Choice & Vouchers Expansion:** [Link](#)
 - **"Ending Radical Indoctrination" in K-12 Schools:** [Link](#)
 - **Re-establishment of 1776 Commission** to influence K-12 history and civics education. [Link](#)
- **Federal Grant Funding Withholding:**
 - The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued memos pausing certain federal grant funds due to executive orders related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).
 - The Department of Education clarified that K-12 formula grants had already been distributed, but future impacts remain uncertain.
- **DEI Program Eliminations:** The U.S. Department of Education has taken action to remove DEI-related initiatives. [Link](#)
- **Title IX Policy Revisions:**
 - Trump administration reinstated 2020 guidance, rolling back transgender protections while emphasizing protections for victims of sexual assault on college campuses. [Link](#)

Department of Education Leadership & Structural Changes

- **Secretary of Education Nominee:** Linda McMahon’s confirmation hearing has been delayed.
- **Deputy Secretary Nominee:** Penny Schwinn (former Tennessee Education Commissioner) is being considered.
- **Senior Staff Appointments Announced:** [Full list](#)
- **Pending Executive Order on Department Governance:** Expected to grant the president authority to reorganize education programs and departments.

NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) Results

- **Reading & Math Scores:**
 - **Reading (8th grade):** [Report](#)
 - **Math (4th grade):** [Report](#)

- **Key trend:** Lowest-achieving students continue to fall further behind. NAESP will release a podcast discussing these findings.

Supreme Court Cases to Watch

- **Parental Opt-Out Rights:** Case determining whether parents can opt out of certain curriculum topics.
- **Religious Charter Schools:** A case that could establish whether charter schools with religious affiliations can receive public funding.