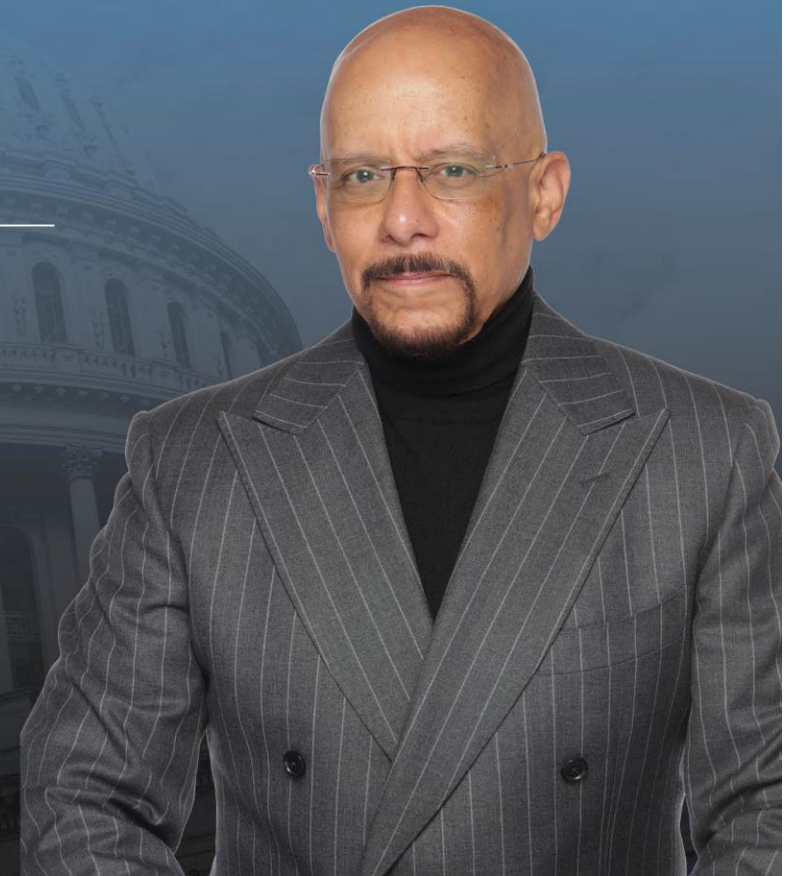


PREPARING FOR PROJECT 2025

*Protecting Students from
Project 2025's Attack on
Public Education*



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SLASHING PUBLIC EDU FUNDING

Project 2025 **proposes cutting over**
\$1 BILLION dollars from Pennsylvania's public
education system

PUBLIC EDU UNDER PROJECT 2025

- **Eliminate all federal Title I spending** – financial assistance targeted to districts with a high percentage of low-income families – over 10 years. **\$700 million impact for PA.**
- **Complete elimination of the Head Start program** at the federal level, cutting 23,000 childcare spots worth over \$384 million.
- Eliminate or convert certain grants for homeless students, literacy development, and teacher recruitment and retention, **leaving PA taxpayers to cover a \$100 million dollar cut**
- Learning from the first Trump Administration, the incoming Trump White House will almost certainly propose **devastating cuts to the Department of Education in the presidential budget**. Proposed cuts in his first term:
 - Year 1: \$9.2 billion
 - Year 2: \$7.1 billion
 - Year 3: \$8.5 billion
 - Year 4: \$5.6 billion

DISMANTLING CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS

- Immediately **roll back** Title IX and Title VI **protections against discrimination towards LGBTQ+ and minority students.**
- Project 2025 urges the Department of Education and Department of Justice to **no longer support civil rights case investigations** that exclusively rest on allegations of disparate impact (e.g. disciplining Black and white students differently for the same offense)
- Completely **gut the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights** and transfer all responsibilities to the Department of Justice.

AN ATTACK ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO FUND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

- Urge Congress to pass and **sign into law a sweeping new federal school voucher program**
 - This bill is designed to work with the Senate reconciliation process, which means it **can pass and be signed into law without any Democratic support in either chamber of congress.**
- Pressure Congress to pass additional pieces of school voucher legislation, including legislation that would:
 - Make Title I grant funding portable, providing parents the discretion to use **federal funds to pay for private school tuition.**
 - Make voucher and education savings programs available to all students under federal congressional purview, including students at military schools.
 - Make broader pushes to enable families to **use taxpayer dollars and use it for private school tuition**



ATTENDEE QUESTIONS