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WSJ: Trump's \$7 Billion Education Funding Freeze Blindsides Schools

Superintendents are scrambling to figure out what to do with programs funded by the money now under review

Key Points

- The Trump administration is freezing nearly \$7 billion in education funding already approved by Congress.
- The White House says the move is due to an ongoing review that found grants subsidizing a “radical leftwing agenda.”
- School districts nationwide are scrambling to address budget shortfalls as the new school year approaches.

On Monday, state education leaders across the country got a brief but startling email from the Education Department.

Nearly \$7 billion in education funding—which Congress had approved and President Trump signed into law in March—wouldn't be released as expected the following day. The email didn't elaborate on why, mentioning a review.

With the new school year not far off, the funding freeze has sent superintendents from California to Rhode Island scrambling to figure out how to handle a shortfall. The money had been earmarked for a range of activities, including after-school programs, teacher training, adult education and support for students learning English.

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