

U.S. Department of Education cuts workforce in half and may be completely shut down

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Washington, March 13 (RHC)-- The U.S. Department of Education has announced plans to fire an additional 1,300 employees, effectively cutting the agency's workforce in half since Trump took office.

Newly confirmed Education Secretary Linda McMahon — the billionaire former professional wrestling promoter — says the cuts show her commitment to “efficiency” and “accountability.”

The teachers’ union the National Education Association condemned the cuts, writing in a statement: “Gutting the Department of Education will send class sizes soaring, cut job training programs, make higher education more expensive and out of reach for middle-class families, take away special education services for students with disabilities, and gut student civil rights protections.”

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