

# STATE FUNDING CRISIS:

*Summer programs closed. Teachers laid off. Federal law ignored.*

## WHAT HAPPENED:

On July 1, 2025, school districts expected to receive critical federal education funds, including money for teacher training, English learner support, summer learning, and after-school programs. **These funds were already appropriated by Congress** and legally required to be disbursed.

Instead, the Trump administration **unilaterally withheld nearly \$7 billion** in funding without Congressional approval. This action violates the **Impoundment Control Act of 1974**, which prohibits any president from deferring or rescinding Congressionally approved funds unless Congress approves the request within 45 days. The administration has made no such request.

## WHO IS IMPACTED:

- **The average school district will lose almost a quarter-million dollars in funding (\$220,289), but the hardest hit districts will face tens of millions in losses.**
- The top 100 impacted districts include 20 in California, 15 in West Virginia, 12 in Florida, and 10 in Georgia. Check out a new report from [New America](#) for a breakdown of funding loss by district.
- These withheld funds were designated to support low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, and migrant children, particularly in rural and under-resourced communities.

## WHAT IS BEING CUT:

The funding freeze halts five major federal education funding streams:

Program	Amount	Impact
Title II (Teacher Training)	\$2.2B	Halts professional development and new teacher recruitment in high-need areas
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers	\$1.4B	Threatens 10,000 after-school and summer programs, affecting 1.4 million children
Title IV-A (Academic Enrichment)	\$1.3B	Cuts STEM programs, college and career counseling, and enrichment offerings
Title III (English Learners)	\$890M	Eliminates support for 5 million English learners nationwide
Title I-C (Migrant Education)	\$375M	Targets children of seasonal farmworkers and food processing laborers

**While federal dollars on average represent just 10-15% of school funding, they account for more than half of the education budgets in many rural and low-income districts. For these communities, the freeze is catastrophic.**

## REAL LIFE CONSEQUENCES:

- Included in the cuts is funding to 21st Century Community Learning Centers, which serve over **10,000 local programs** across the country. These grants provide the primary federal support for after-school and summer learning programs, accounting for roughly 20% of total funding nationwide.
- **Umatilla, Oregon** may end summer school early for 20 percent of students and cancel after-school care serving 50 percent of students if the freeze continues.
- **Gadsden City, Alabama** is preparing to shut down its after-school program that serves more than 1,200 low-income students.
- In **Madison County, Alabama**, a nonprofit serving rural children has suspended all after-school programming due to lack of reimbursement.
- Up to **926 Boys and Girls Clubs** are expected to close, impacting over 220,000 children across the country.
- **Nationwide, school districts are halting hiring, especially in high-need areas**, while wealthier districts move ahead with staffing and onboarding. Thousands of education support staff will be laid off, causing ripple effects throughout local economies.

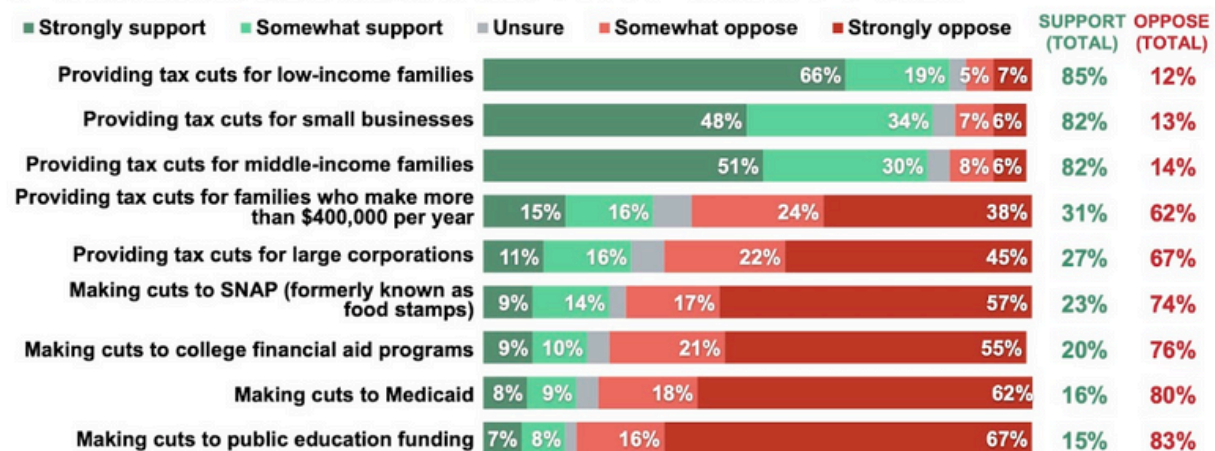
## PARENTS ARE UNITED

The current FY25 impoundments reflect the mass consolidation and elimination of these programs in the President's proposed FY26 budget. The reconciliation bill recently passed by Congress creates new federal subsidies for private school tuition while slashing Medicaid and SNAP and creating unprecedented cost-sharing programs; all of these provisions will force states to backfill budget holes and ultimately slash funding for public education. Meanwhile, an imminent Recissions package aims to eliminate federal support for public broadcasting, including educational programming and PBS.

To be clear, American families do NOT want these education cuts. **Our most recent polling finds that 83% of parents oppose cuts to public education, spotlighting the bipartisan consensus that public schools are a lifeline for hard-working American families.** Do not turn your backs on them.

### Most parents of K-12 public school students oppose cuts to education funding, Medicaid, and SNAP

Q. Would you support or oppose Congress doing each of the following as part of a new budget bill?



Survey of 1,516 Parents of K-12 Public School Students, conducted June 1-3, 2025

