

END OF THE YEAR POLICY RECAP

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OF TRUMP & EDUCATION

- Silver lining: lack of education specifics in campaigns and election
 - It means the candidates didn't provide specifics or draw a line in the sand on education positions
 - Once he knows his education priorities, we will know them.
 - Has indicated proposals for higher ed, K12 and early ed, but significantly devoid of details
 - Chatter about reducing role of OCR
 - No way to know the extent to which the promises of the candidate become the priorities of the President, or the extent to which he will work with Congress to move them

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- Question used to be: How will he treat the department of education?
 - No path for elimination, indication is that it will remain cabinet level
- Top Three Proposals (All devoid of details):
 - Fed govt out of higher ed loans
 - Early ed (child care) – mostly through tax credits
 - K12 choice
 - \$20 b for vouchers: Convert IDEA or Title I? Bully pulpit for state dollars?
 - Appropriations riders?
- Just as concerning: Who is head of FCC?
- Funding, funding, funding.

OF TRUMP & EDUCATION: NOMINEE DEVOS

- Betsy DeVos
 - No formal training or experience in education
 - Strong school choice advocate
 - While politically active, lacks political experience
 - Family ties: She has served as chair of MI Republican party, family has given to a laundry list of conservative and Christian organizations
 - Chairwoman for American Federation of Children

OF TRUMP & EDUCATION: REGULATIONS

- Education Department: ESSA:Accountability and Supplement/Supplant; HEA Teacher Prep Regs; and IDEA Disproportionality, along with implications for Office of Civil Rights
- Department of Labor: OT
- Environmental Protection Agency: PCBs & Light Ballasts
- Federal Communications Commission: Lifeline and E-Rate
- Affordable Care Act: Excise Tax, 30 hr v 40 hr, employer mandate (95%, affordability, and reporting)
- And more.

NEW TERM: BUDGET RECONCILIATION

- Only been used a few times
- Opportunity to repeal and replace(?) ACA
- Opportunity to enact entitlement reform and/or tax reform
- Things we are watching re tax reform
 - Addition of tuition tax credits aka vouchers
- Things we are watching re entitlement reform:
 - Block-grants to Medicaid
 - Elimination/changes to CHIP Program

STATE ELECTIONS

- Democrats picked up two governors
- Republicans gained in control of state legislatures
- Only four states have divided government
 - In 32 states, Republicans control both chambers
 - In 13 states, Democrats control both chambers
- 31 states have a “trifecta”
 - 25 Republican
 - 6 Democratic

STATE POLICY TRENDS

- School choice
 - Charters, vouchers, education savings accounts, etc.
- Pension reform
- Student newspapers – freedom of speech cases
- Mental health/substance abuse

OTHER TOPICS

- ESSA
- School Nutrition
- Perkins Career/Tech
- IDEA
- Rural Education (REAP, Forest Counties, Impact Aid)
- School Vouchers
- E-Rate/Lifeline/EBS
- Student Data & Privacy
- Charters
- Higher Education Act
- Affordable Care Act
- Regulations: DoL and EPA
- Funding
- More?

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

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