

# TESOL U.S. Federal Policy Update

17 July 2025

Federal actions impacting English language teaching and  
multilingual learners of English

# Overview



Education Funding FY25 & FY26



Language Access Guidance



SCOTUS – Federal Layoffs



TESOL Advocacy and Calls to Action

# Federal Funding – Budget Process



**Budget Proposal**

*March*



Budget Resolution



**Appropriations Bills**  
(Labor-HHS-Education)

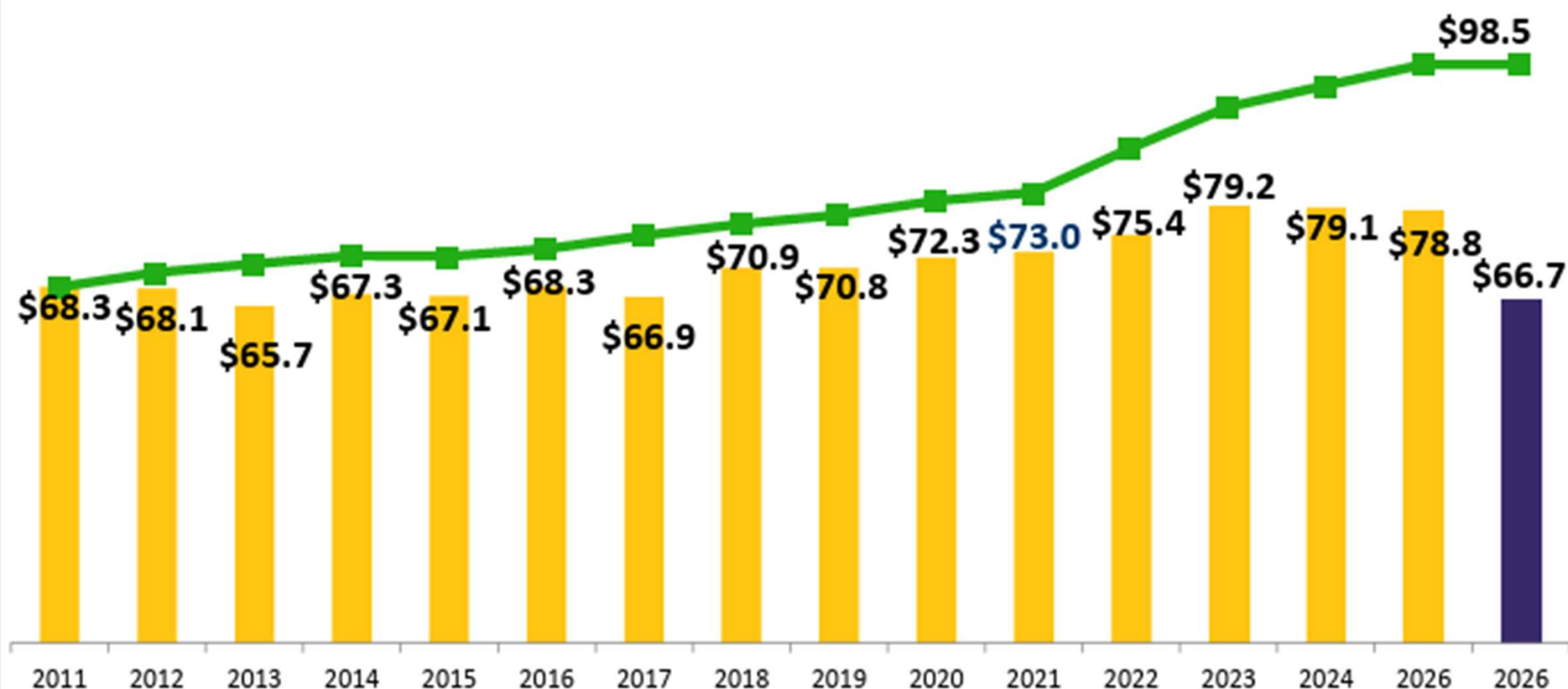
*By September 30*



**President's  
Signature**

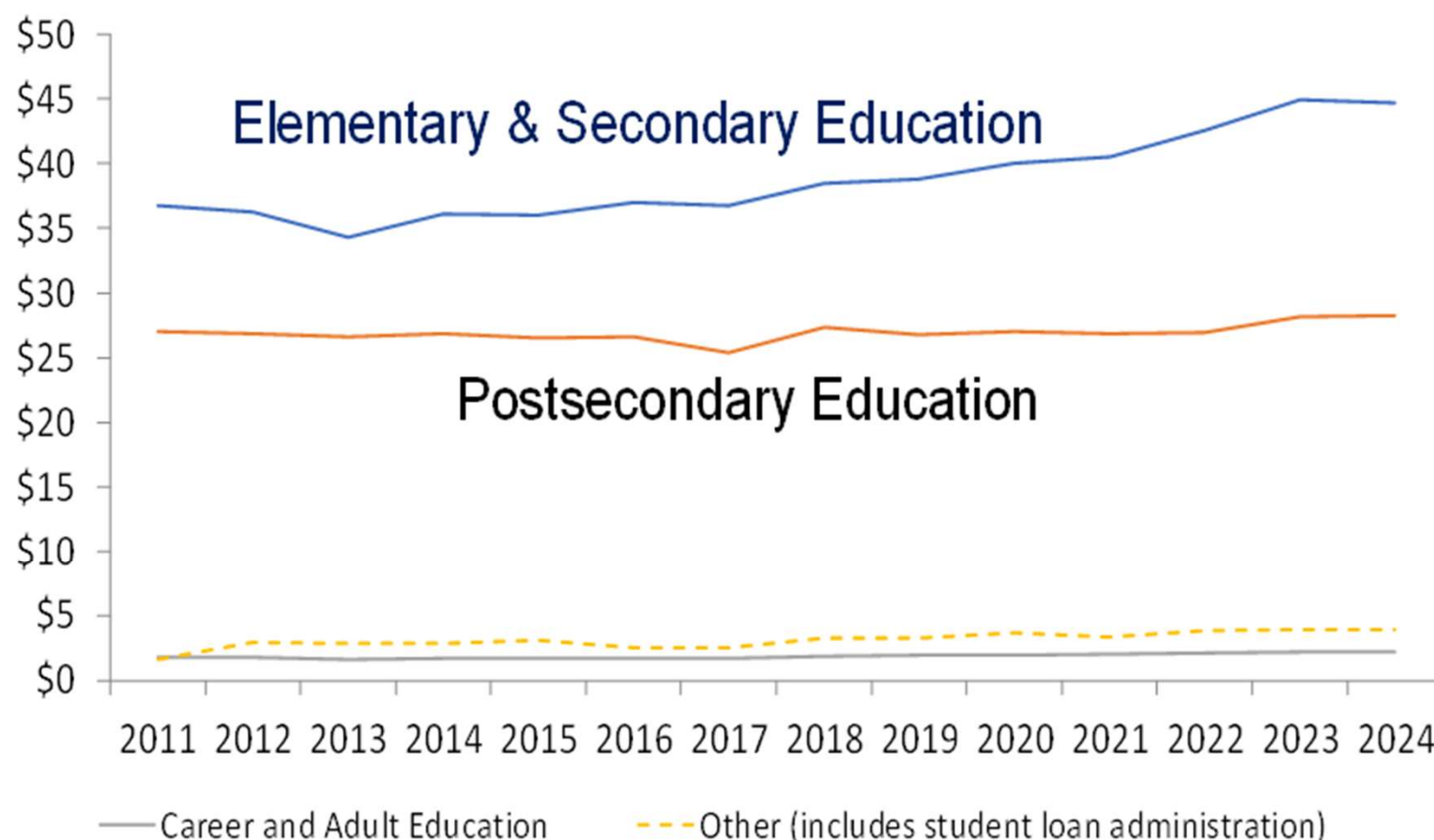
# President's FY 2026 Budget Makes Huge Education Cut: Funding already failed to keep pace with need or Inflation

(Department of Education Discretionary Funding in Billions of Dollars)



# Federal Funding Has Barely Increased Over the Last Decade Except for K-12 Education

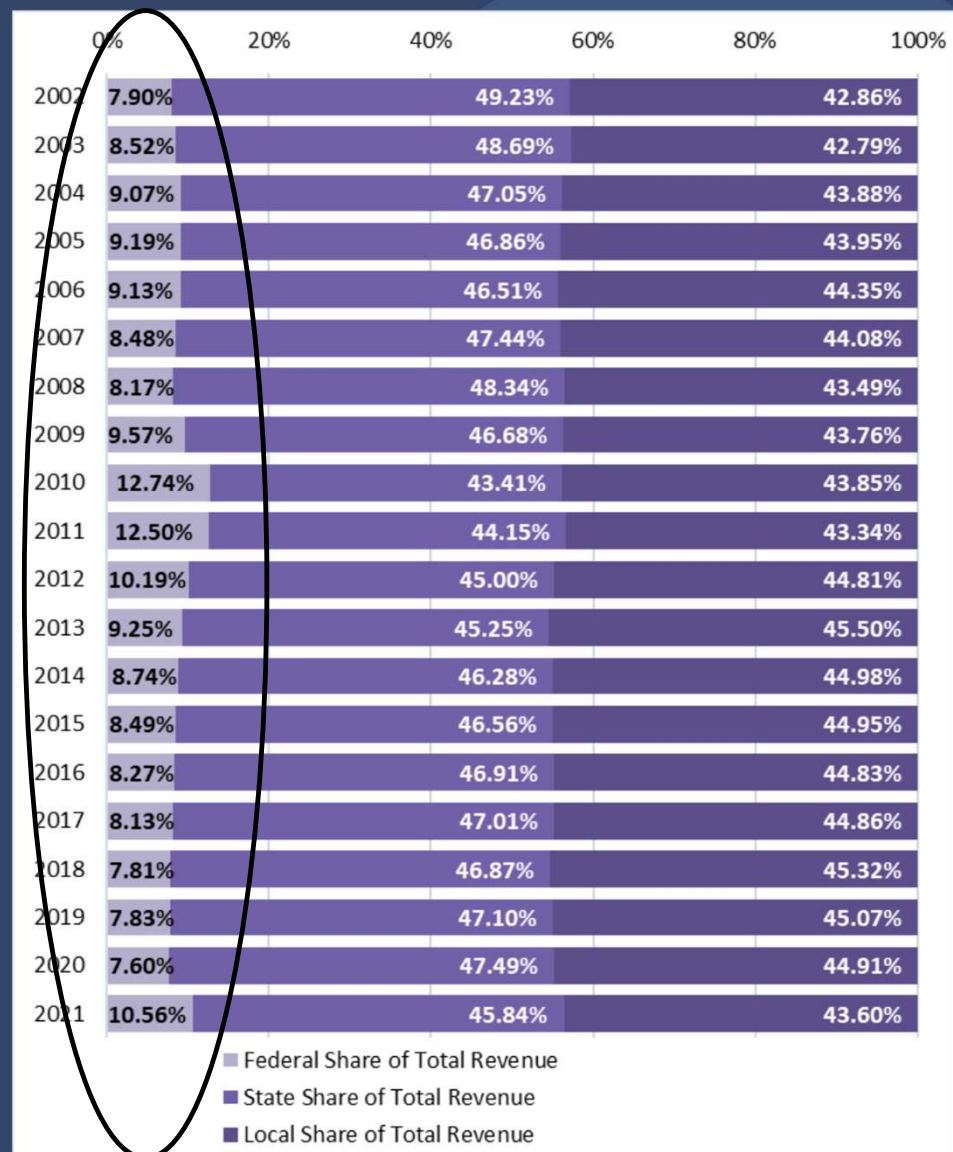
(Discretionary nominal dollars, in billions)



# Funding of Education

**Share of Total Revenues for Public Education, by Source: School Year 2001-2002 through School Year 2020-2021**

**Source:** Revenue data obtained from Digest of Education Statistics, current tables, Table 235.10; and Revenues and Expenditures for Public Elementary and Secondary Education: FY21.





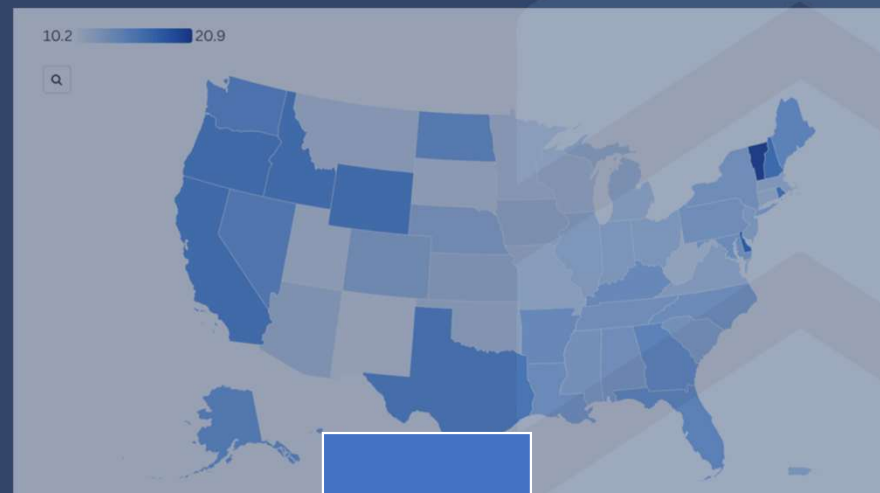
# FY25 \$6.8 Billion Withheld

Direct impact on ELT and MLEs

- Every Student Succeeds Act
  - Title I-C Migrant Education - **\$375 million**
  - Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction - **\$2.2 billion**
  - Title III-A English Language Acquisition - **\$890 million**
- Adult Education and Family Literacy Act
  - Title II – State grants supporting adult literacy and civics:
    - **\$715 million**



# Impact Locally



State



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School



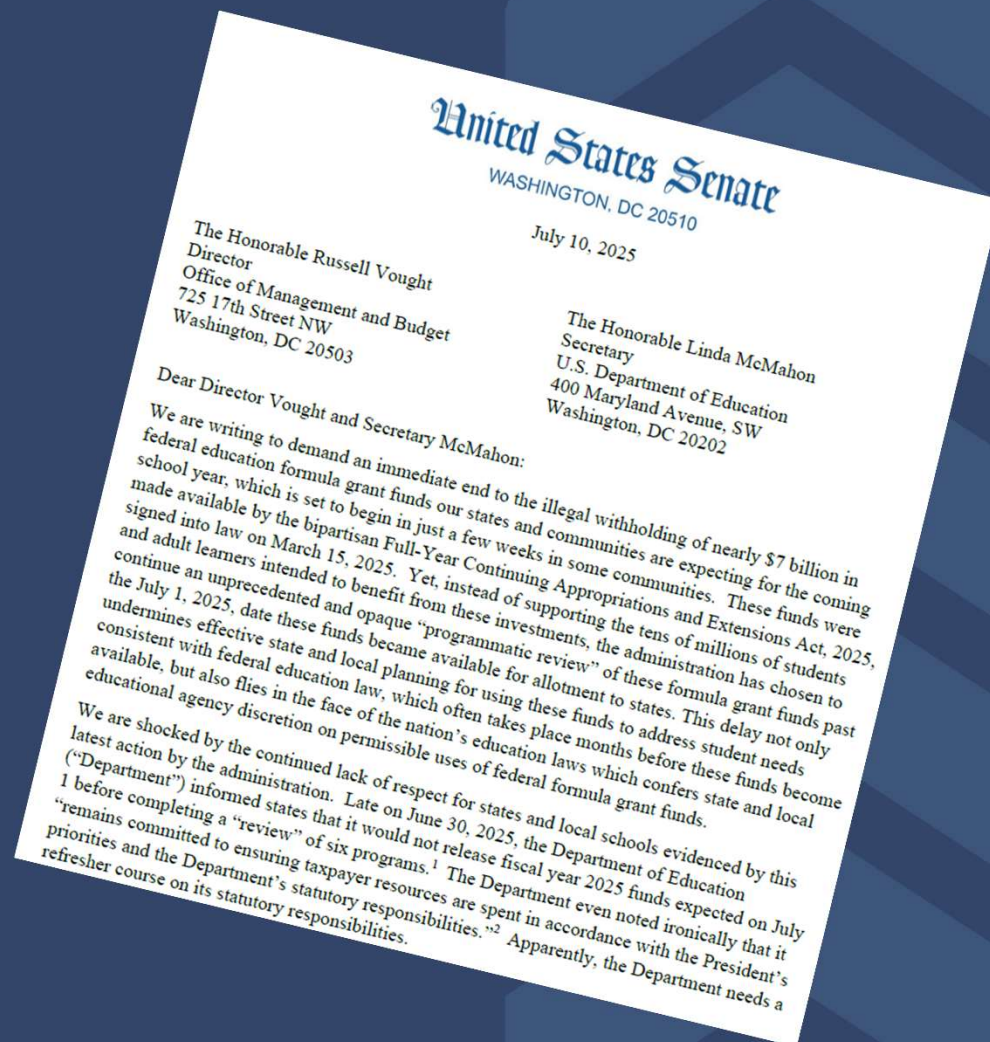


# Opposition

## Dear Colleague Letters

- Democrats:
  - 35 Senators
  - 150 Representatives
- Republicans:
  - 10 Senators

## Lawsuit by 24 States



# **Appropriations Fiscal Year 2026**

**Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and  
Related Agencies (LHHS-E)**

**At Stake (President's Budget Proposal):**

- Title II-A Rolled into Title I formula grants**
- Title III Eliminated**
- Title I-C Eliminated**
- Title II of WIOA/AEFLA Eliminated**
- Title II of HEA – TQP Eliminated**
- Education and Cultural Exchanges – cut by \$691 million\***

# **English as the Official Language**

**Executive Order 14224, 1 March 2025**

- Rescinded 2000 Executive Order 13166 on Language Access**

**Guidance Issued 15 July:**

- Rescind Prior LEP Guidance to recipients regarding Title VI of the Civil Rights Act**
- Call to consider English-Only Services**
- Redirect Funds Toward English Education**

# **SCOTUS Decision on USED Layoffs**

**Supreme Court of the United States: 14 July 2025**

- Ruling on order from U.S. District Judge Myong Joun in Boston, who issued a preliminary injunction on the March layoffs**
- 1,400 employees, including all but one employee of OEEL, are officially gone**

# TESOL Advocacy

**Targeting  
Key  
Members of  
Congress**



**Joint  
Statements**



**Press  
Release**



**Calls for  
Action –  
Advocacy  
Action  
Center**



