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Rep. Joe Sheehan Reacts to Executive Order to Dissolve the Department of Education

MADISON - Today, President Trump dictated an Executive Order calling for the Secretary of Education to dissolve the Department of Education. Representative Sheehan (D-Sheboygan) released the following statement:

"As I have said before, we have a responsibility to our children to act in the best interests of their future. Today, President Trump released an executive order that will harm every student in the nation. His call to dissolve the Department of Education is a brazen assault on the separation of powers upon which our nation depends.

"The Department of Education was based on a commitment to equal educational opportunity for every student in the nation. To dissolve this department is to harm the future of every student who enters into the care of our schools.

"It is not the role of the executive to dissolve a department of the United States Federal Government. We have checks and balances for a reason, and a decision of this magnitude requires congressional action. This is so that our elected representatives can be held responsible for making the best decision for their constituents. I hope litigation prevents this from taking place, and I will hold strong in my support of the department of education and the right of every student to the best possible education we can give them. It is currently unclear what programs will be affected by this order and how this will take place, I will continue to keep you updated as we know more."

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