

## CONFIRMATION OF BETSY DEVOS-SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

As many of you know, President Trump is in the process of nominating his cabinet members. One such nomination is Elisabeth "Betsy" DeVos for Secretary of Education. During her Senate confirmation hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, it became clear that there are concerns as to her ability to serve in this capacity. This document was created to provide information on how to make your voice heard regarding her confirmation.

Now that the hearing is finished, a senate committee will review the OGE (Financial Disclosure) form to determine whether there is a conflict of interest to vote on January 24, 2017. It is expected that all Democrats on the confirmation hearing will vote no. If one Republican votes no, her nomination then moves to the Senate floor to be voted by full Senate. If more than two Republicans vote no, she will not move on as the nomination.

**If parents wish to express their concerns regarding the proposed confirmation of Betsy DeVos as the next Secretary of Education, there are many organizations that are providing guidance on how to have your opinion heard.**

**Association of University Centers on Disabilities:**

[http://www.aucd.org/template/news.cfm?news\\_id=12422&parent=16&parent\\_title=Home&url=/template/index.cfm?](http://www.aucd.org/template/news.cfm?news_id=12422&parent=16&parent_title=Home&url=/template/index.cfm?)

**Council on Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA):**

<http://www.copaa.org/news/news.asp?id=326720&hhSearchTerms=%22DeVos%22>

[http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.copaa.org/resource/resmgr/docs/accessible\\_2017/COPAA\\_LTR\\_on\\_DeVos\\_final.pdf?hhSearchTerms=%22DeVos%22](http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.copaa.org/resource/resmgr/docs/accessible_2017/COPAA_LTR_on_DeVos_final.pdf?hhSearchTerms=%22DeVos%22)

**Education Week:** [http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2017/01/betsy\\_devos\\_senate\\_confirmation\\_hearing.html? ga=1.31871550.101441688.1484939434](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2017/01/betsy_devos_senate_confirmation_hearing.html?ga=1.31871550.101441688.1484939434)

**Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights:**

[http://www.civilrights.org/action\\_center/betsy-devos-is-public.html](http://www.civilrights.org/action_center/betsy-devos-is-public.html)

**SCOTUSblog:** summary includes links to transcripts of the hearing and briefs related to the case: <http://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/endrew-f-v-douglas-county-school-district/>.

**Video of the confirmation hearing:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRBNkMM0-pM>