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Dear Superintendents and BOCES directors,

Today I am sharing the following updates:

- Update from Learning Policy Institute on ED reductions in force
- Slides from 10/14/25 CDE Monthly Superintendent Call

Update from Learning Policy Institute on ED reductions in force

We received the following update this afternoon from the Learning Policy Institute:

This afternoon, a federal judge blocked the administration's efforts to lay off thousands of federal employees across a number of agencies during the government shutdown, including ED. The Administration will likely appeal.

Please find below the numbers we received this afternoon as to how many career staff were RIFed across ED during the shutdown:

- *Office for Civil Rights – 137*
- *Office of Elementary and Secondary Education – 132*
- *Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services – 121*
- *Office of Postsecondary Education – 64 (note that the Federal Student Aid Office and the Office of the Undersecretary broadly are different)*
- *Communications and Outreach – 7*
- *Secretary's Office – 4*

Slides from 10/14/25 CDE Monthly Superintendent Call

Thank you to those of you who joined our superintendent call this week.

- You can click here to find the CDE slides, and please feel free to share them.
- Angela Duckworth shared this presentation on her cell phone policy study.
- If you are interested in sharing the Phones in Focus survey with your educators, here is the link to the study.

You can use these suggested messages and video to spread the word.

Warm Regards,

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