



Fact Sheet: U.S. Department of Education to Downsize Its Footprint in Washington D.C.

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) has spent more than \$3 trillion on the federal education bureaucracy since 1980 – with dismal results.

That's why one year ago, President Trump signed one of the most consequential executive orders of his presidency: to end the failed federal experiment of a cabinet-level Department of Education and return education to the states. Since then, the Trump Administration has secured the largest national education freedom expansion in history, empowered state education leaders with the flexibility to innovate, and broken up the education bureaucracy by partnering with agencies better positioned to manage critical programs.

The Trump Administration has successfully decreased the scope of the federal education bureaucracy, so much that the headquarters building is no longer needed. The Department of Education will move to a new federal building, saving taxpayers over \$4 million per year in rental costs. The U.S. Department of Energy will acquire the Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) Building as their new headquarters.

When and where will the U.S. Department of Education staff move?

ED staff will relocate to 500 D Street SW, Washington D.C., approximately one block from the LBJ building. The targeted date for relocation is August 2026.

Why is the U.S. Department of Education relocating?

Last year, ED initiated a reduction in force (RIF) impacting nearly 50% of the workforce. Even with consolidation of buildings in the Washington, DC metro area, recent data suggests that the LBJ Headquarters building is chronically underutilized.

Current estimates indicate roughly 70% of the LBJ Building is not being utilized. By relocating, the ED will eliminate wasted space and allow a new tenant to put the LBJ building to better use.

Who is moving into the Lyndon B. Johnson building once the U.S. Department of Education relocates?

The U.S. Department of Energy will move out of the James Vincent Forrestal Building and into the LBJ Building.

How much money could this save taxpayers?

ED will save an estimated \$4.8 million dollars annually with the lower rental cost at 500 D Street SW. The U.S. Department of Energy will also save an estimated \$350 million in deferred maintenance costs by moving from the James V. Forrestal Building to the LBJ Building.



What are the next steps following the announcement?

Following this announcement, ED will comply with all federal guidelines regarding relocation. ED will not begin the relocation process until August of this year.

What is the impact on U.S. Department of Education staff?

At this time, there is no impact on staff operating out of the LBJ Building. Staff will receive detailed updates from their managers regarding operational changes in the coming weeks.

Will any federal services be interrupted during the transition?

No. The move will occur in phases to avoid interruption in work activities. Staff will receive more information in the coming weeks and months.