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DeVos “Strong Arms” Utah to Enforce Test Taking

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U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who has been [ordered by President Donald Trump to get the feds out of education](#) decision that should be made at the state and local level, is still trying to coerce states into trampling parental rights. In Utah, the federal bullying on test taking, justified under the [abusive Every Student Succeeds Act](#) (ESSA), has now sparked a major scandal.



According to [report by an education-activist leader in Utah](#), U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos is threatening the state’s funding if more than 5 percent of students refuse to take federally backed standardized tests aligned with the dumbed-down national Common Core standards. Last year, almost 6 percent in the state refused as concerns over federal data-mining and Orwellian dossiers spread nationwide.

For DeVos, a Jeb Bush ally who helped protect the Obama-backed Common Core scheme in Michigan, that is unacceptable. And so, unless state leaders defy state protections for parental rights, Trump’s controversial “education” secretary’s administration vowed to withhold Title I funding, the largest source of federal education dollars doled out to states — regardless of what else is in Utah’s “education plan.”

DeVos’ minions already “rejected” Utah’s plan once under ESSA, citing the state’s protections for opt-outs from intrusive government testing. At that point state “education” officials began “negotiating” with the feds, basically groveling, with Utah State Superintendent Sydnee Dickson eventually surrendering on all key points without approval from the state board.

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