



CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES

Statement of the CCD Education Task Force Upon Release of the School Safety Commission Report

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) Education Task Force is extremely disappointed in the recommendations put forward by the School Safety Commission led by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. The report recommends withdrawing the Title VI discipline guidance which provides schools with important information to prevent discrimination. Rescinding this guidance will not make our schools safer.

Secretary DeVos met with CCD and other national disability leaders to hear our recommendations. There was overwhelming consensus by these leaders that rescission of the Title VI discipline guidance would be contrary to the purpose of the commission — to keep students safe. Further, the report includes too few of the evidence-based recommendations that disability groups suggested.

CCD Education Task Force leaders will be requesting meetings with relevant Department of Education staff to further discuss evidence-based strategies which we know will help to make our schools safe, nurturing and healthy environments for all students, including students with disabilities.

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) is the largest coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for federal public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.

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