

**November 14, 2024 Special Board Meeting Written Comments  
Received between Tuesday, November 12**

stated their intention to destroy the Department of Education, with it taking away the rights of our students.

This plan will affect a large group of our public school students including supports for our language learners and newcomers with threats of mass deportations; the disappearance of special education and access for students with special needs; denial of life-saving supports for our LGBTQIA students; and, the dissolution of any sort of equity and representation for our Black student population. Even early childhood education is at risk; no student is without risk. Further, this upcoming administration ignores the threats to our climate and environment. This is not all, but the tip of the iceberg.

As such, I urge you to ensure that our contract is settled with much haste as this contract will enshrine protection and security for the student groups I just mentioned. We have language around our green schools; we offer supports to our families and communities through the sustainable community schools; we expand educator autonomy and culturally relevant curricula; we elevate the necessity of bilingual supports. Early childhood has educator and family-facing proposals.

Last Wednesday, I received an email from CEO Pedro Martinez as both a parent and educator where it clearly states that, “[The] entire CPS team will continue working closely with every school to ensure that our students and staff have the support needed to thrive.” As such, I request that you remain faithful to ensuring our contract is settled so that we may work together to protect all of our students.

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