

DO NOT DESTROY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

I've worked in both the inner city and the suburbs as a teacher and as an administrator. I have seen utter poverty and amazing wealth.

In either of these situations, there were the children who needed the school to be their source of help. They come to us stressed out, feeling isolated and unsure. There was the child who was exceptionally smart but was on the spectrum. It was the child who excelled in sports and loved school, but had no one to support him at home. It was the 3rd grader whose single mother couldn't read and wasn't able to help her child or the talented 5th grade musician who attended a parochial school that had no program to offer.
SCHOOL MATTERS.

The Department of Education guides our state and provides an anchor of stability. It provides us with tools, with research, and goals with which to help us help our students. In our highly mobile society, there need to be a set of common standards so that what is required for graduation in Cincinnati is the same as in Cleveland or Toledo. Think about it! We are many school districts each with its own Board of Education. Can you imagine the chaos without the Department of Education as the anchor? We need there to be consistency.

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I don't really understand why the push to decimate the Department of Education.

Maybe you don't want an educated electorate. Maybe you don't want to provide a means for upward mobility. Maybe you don't care about the people who elected you. And maybe you think that because of your position and your wealth it won't matter. You're Wrong!

Taking apart the Department of Education will affect every aspect of your life and mine. The clerk in the grocery store, the receptionist in the doctors' offices, the truck drivers on the road.

Education matters and the Department of Education is the lynchpin. Don't destroy it.