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Nominees



LINDA MCMAHON

Secretary of the Department of Education



Linda McMahon, a North Carolina native and Chair of the America First Policy Institute (AFPI), brings a proven record of effective leadership to her nomination as Secretary of Education. As Administrator of the Small Business Administration under the first term of President Donald J. Trump from 2017 until 2019, she prioritized opportunities for underserved communities, streamlined resources to maximize efficiency, and empowered small businesses to succeed. Mrs. McMahon is a longtime private university trustee, former Connecticut State Board of Education member, and former CEO of a multi-national corporation. She will bring tremendous executive leadership experience to the United States Department of Education.

AMERICA FIRST CREDENTIALS

What Does Linda McMahon Stand For?

SUPPORTS

- ✓ **Parental Rights in Education**
Prioritizing parent **involvement** is the cornerstone of student success and achievement. Active participation in that process should be encouraged, not excluded.
- ✓ **School Choice Expansion**
Ensuring parents are **empowered** to choose the schooling option that best fits their child's unique needs, regardless of zip code or income level.
- ✓ **Career and Technical Education Expansion**
Promoting workforce development **programs** that equip students with real-world skills for high-paying jobs in trades and industries and investing in apprenticeship programs with measurable results.
- ✓ **Academic Excellence in Core Subjects**
Prioritizing evidence-based **learning** and improving student outcomes in core subjects such as reading, writing, math, science, and civic education.

OPPOSES

- ✗ **Political Indoctrination in Classrooms**
Rejecting non-evidence-based teaching such as Critical Race Theory and radical gender ideology. Ultimately, these take the focus away from core subjects and lower student outcomes.
- ✗ **Government Overreach into Parental Rights**
Rejecting policies that put the government before students and parents. No policy should hinder accountability or transparency at any level of education, from the Secretary's office to the school board to the local classroom.
- ✗ **Failing One-Size-Fits-All Education Models**
Challenging outdated systems that fail to meet the unique needs of students limits innovation and choice in education.

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MORE AMERICA FIRST CREDENTIALS

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State and District Control of Education
Empowering states to **enact** policies that meet the needs of their students and families.



Reducing the Federal Education Bureaucracy
Reducing administrative **costs** for education, which are perpetuated by unelected bureaucrats under little scrutiny or accountability, while simultaneously empowering states, local governments, and families to create systems that achieve the best possible outcomes for everyone.

AMERICA FIRST ACHIEVEMENTS

While leading AFPI, Linda oversaw significant America First accomplishments in education, including:

Empowering Parents

Launched America First Parents, a free tool providing access to school board data, polling, news, and incident reporting.

Advancing School Choice

Achieved universal school choice in 12 states, and 22 other states have passed school choice expansion bills.

Promoting Early Literacy

Supported early literacy efforts in states, leading to 40 states and the District of Columbia passing laws and policies regarding evidence-based reading practices in schools.

Challenging Radical Agendas

Defeated efforts to make taxpayers pay for others' student debt, change Title IX rules that protect women and girls, and advance racist DEI policies.

Driving Education/Workforce Reform

Supported reforms to Pell Grants and federal workforce programs to align our education systems with workforce needs and prepare students for careers education systems with workforce needs and prepare students for careers.

ADDITIONAL BIO

More significantly, Mrs. McMahon is a mother and grandmother, raising children who attended both public and private schools throughout their lifetime. She understands that each child has unique needs and abilities. She looks forward to tirelessly advocating for every American student while prioritizing the voices of parents who know their child best. From the fight for educational choice, protecting special needs students, and partnering with parents and teachers, she believes the best days for the American education system are still ahead.