

National Federation of Democratic Women
Resolution Calling for the Resignation of Education Secretary Betsy De Vos

WHEREAS, there are 50 million students in public schools across America and quality education is vital to the future of America. Public education is considered a bedrock of our democracy and has been proven to reduce poverty and open countless doors of opportunity. Hence, a strong public education must promote fairness, equity and diversity; and

WHEREAS, instead of fighting to provide equal opportunity for all students, Betsy De Vos openly said that more schools should have a “we’re not for everyone approach.” She led the charge to cut \$9.2 billion from the Department of Education, prioritizing voucher programs that take scarce funding away from public schools and give it to religious and private schools that are unaccountable to the voting public.

WHEREAS, her advised budget cuts have eliminated many teacher training programs and college prep courses for students with financial limitations and also made it harder for students with disabilities to receive the support they need to succeed. In addition, her policies have rolled back protections for students on campuses dealing with sexual assault, further reducing protection for students in higher education; and

WHEREAS, Betsy De Vos has sided with student debt collection agencies even when Republican leaders have called for correcting the actions of these agencies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the National Federation of Democratic Women demands that Betsy De Vos resign as Secretary of Education.

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