



To: NJ Institutions of Higher Education
From: NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education
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Subject: Updates on NJ Office of the Attorney General Legal Actions

Attorney General Platkin Secures Early Court Decision Stopping Trump Administration's Unlawful Termination of K-12 Teacher Preparation Pipeline Grants in Lawsuit Co-Led by New Jersey (issued March 11, 2025)

The U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts issued a temporary blocking of the Trump Administration's unlawful termination of K-12 teacher preparation pipeline grants, which included grants awarded to Montclair State University and The College of New Jersey. The full press release is available on the NJ OAG website: <https://www.njoag.gov/attorney-general-platkin-secures-early-court-decision-stopping-trump-administrations-unlawful-termination-of-k-12-teacher-preparation-pipeline-grants-in-lawsuit-co-led-by-new-jersey/>

Attorney General Platkin Sues Trump Administration to Stop Dismantling of Department of Education and Protect Students (issued March 13, 2025)

Attorney General Platkin, alongside a coalition of 20 other attorneys general are suing the Trump Administration to stop the dismantling of the U.S. Department of Education in response to the Trump Administration's reduction in the agency's workforce. The lawsuit asserts the massive layoffs will incapacitate the Department from performing its essential functions. The full press release is available on the NJ OAG website: <https://www.njoag.gov/attorney-general-platkin-sues-trump-administration-to-stop-dismantling-of-department-of-education-and-protect-students/>

Request for Updates on Federal Impact if Applicable

In addition, the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education is continuing to compile information about any institutions who are experiencing issues with frozen federal funding, canceled federal contracts, or other impacts due to federal action, such as the reduction in force at the U.S.

Department of Education. Please submit a brief summary of issues to Stefani.Thachik@oshe.nj.gov if applicable to your institution.