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Unlikely Trump can actually eliminate education department, experts say

By Shauneen Miranda
States Newsroom

President-elect Donald Trump's pledge to get rid of the U.S. Department of Education will be far easier said than done.

As Trump seeks to redefine U.S. education policy, the complex logistics, bipartisan congressional approval and redirection of federal programs required make dismantling the department a challenging — not impossible — feat.

It's an effort that experts say is unlikely to gain traction in Congress and, if enacted, would create roadblocks for how Trump seeks to implement the rest of his wide-ranging education agenda.

"I struggle to wrap my mind around how you get such a bill through Congress that sort of defunds the agency or eliminates the agency," Derek Black, an education law and policy expert and law professor at the University of South Carolina Joseph F. Rice School of Law, told States Newsroom.

"What you can see more easily is that maybe you give the agency less money, maybe you shrink its foot-

print, maybe we've got an (Office for Civil Rights) that still enforces all these laws, but instead of however many employees they have now, they have fewer employees," Black, who directs the school's Constitutional Law Center, added.

What does the department do?
Education is decentralized in the United States, and the federal Education Department has no say in the curriculum of public schools. Much of the funding and oversight of schools occurs at the state and local levels.

Still, the department has leverage through funding a variety of programs, such as for low-income school districts and special education, as well as administering federal student aid.

Axing the department would require those programs be unwound or assigned to other federal agencies to administer, according to Rachel Perera, a fellow in Governance Studies in the Brown Center on Education Policy at the Brookings Institution.

Perera, who studies inequality in K-12 education, expressed concern

over whether other departments would get additional resources and staffing to take on significantly more portfolios of work if current Education Department programs were transferred to them.

Sen. Mike Rounds introduced a bill last week that seeks to abolish the department and transfer existing programs to other federal agencies.

In a statement, the South Dakota Republican said "the federal Department of Education has never educated a single student, and it's long past time to end this bureaucratic Department that causes more harm than good."

The Heritage Foundation's Project 2025 proposed a detailed plan on how the department could be dismantled through the reorganization of existing programs to other agencies and the elimination of the programs the project deems "ineffective or duplicative."

Though Trump has repeatedly disavowed the conservative blueprint, some former members of his administration helped write it.

The agenda also calls for restoring state and local

control over education funding, and notes that "as Washington begins to downsize its intervention in education, existing funding should be sent to states as grants over which they have full control, enabling states to put federal funding toward any lawful education purpose under state law."

Title I, one of the major funding programs the department administers, provides billions of dollars to school districts with high percentages of students who come from low-income families.

Black pointed to an entire "regulatory regime" that's built around these funds.

"That regime can't just disappear unless Title I money also disappears, which could happen, but if you think about Title I money — our rural states, our red states — depend on that money just as much, if not more, than the other states," he said. "The idea that we would take that money away from those schools — I don't think there's any actual political appetite for that."

'Inherent logical inconsistencies'

Trump recently tapped Linda McMahon — a co-chair of his transition team, Small Business Administration head during his first term and former World Wrestling Entertainment CEO — as his nominee for Education secretary.

If confirmed, she will play a crucial role in carrying out his education plans, which include promoting universal school choice and parental rights, moving education "back to the states" and ending "woke-ness" in education.

Trump is threatening to cut federal funding for schools that teach "critical race theory," "gender ideology" or "other inappropriate racial, sexual, or political content on our children," according to his plan. On the flip side, he wants to boost funding for states and school districts that adhere to certain policy directives.

That list includes districts that: adopt a "Parental Bill of Rights that includes complete curriculum transparency, and a form of universal school choice;" get rid of "teacher tenure" for grades K-12 and adopt "merit pay;" have parents

hold the direct elections of school principals; and drastically reduce the number of school administrators.

But basing funding decisions on district-level policy choices would require the kind of federal involvement in education that Trump is pushing against.

Perera described seeing "inherent logical inconsistencies" in Trump's education plan.

While he is talking about dismantling the department and sending education "back to the states," he's "also talking about leveraging the powers of the department to punish school districts for 'political indoctrination,'" she said.

"He can't do that if you are unwinding the federal role in K-12 schools," she said.

Shauneen Miranda is a reporter for States Newsroom's Washington bureau. An alumna of the University of Maryland, she previously covered breaking news for Axios.

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Noem mandates training as fallout continues from alleged crimes by state employees

By Makenzie Huber
South Dakota Searchlight

Gov. Kristi Noem signed an executive order Monday and signaled the preparation of a legislative package to strengthen internal controls in South Dakota state government after several cases of allegedly criminal state employee conduct.

Noem did not directly mention any of those specific cases in the executive order or a news release.

"We are taking enhanced measures to strengthen the fortitude of our financial infrastructure and make sure that we are taking care of taxpayer dollars," Noem said in the news release. "And we will guarantee that state employees are responsible stewards for the people that they serve."

The executive order requires state employees to participate in training covering the concepts of public trust, duty to act, internal controls, conflict of interest and a "service mindset for the citizens of South Dakota." The commissioner

of the Bureau of Human Resources and Administration will develop the program. State employees and supervisors will take the training on an annual basis.

Noem said her "four cornerstones" approach to strengthening fiscal oversight also includes more support for the State Board of Internal Control — including hiring an additional internal control officer, which Noem said she's already done — and "enhancements" to policies, procedures, systems and technology.

Noem did not release any specific legislative proposals but indicated her legislative package would include "clearer and stronger accountability measures." Noem's office did not immediately respond to further South Dakota Searchlight questions about the legislation and training program.

Noem will deliver her annual budget address next week, and the annual legislative session will begin in



THE GOVERNOR — Gov. Kristi Noem presents her fiscal year 2025 budget address to the South Dakota Legislature on Dec. 5, 2023, at the Capitol in Pierre. [Submitted Photo/MAKENZIE HUBER-SOUTH DAKOTA SEARCHLIGHT]

January. That's the same month the governor is expected to be formally nominated as President-elect Donald Trump's secretary of Homeland Security.

Separately, state Attorney General Marty Jackley has said he plans to propose legislation this session, which would include requirements for state employee supervisors to report questionable employee behavior to his office, protections for whistle-

blowers, stronger protections for the state auditor, and transparency requirements for reporting on allegations of state employee misbehavior.

State departments have also told lawmakers they're making their own improvements, and that impending technology changes to the accounting and motor vehicle systems will provide more accountability. Meanwhile, the head of a legislative audit committee

has said further legislative proposals addressing internal controls may have to wait until pending criminal cases are resolved and lawmakers have complete information.

Jackley's office has brought charges against several former state employees recently.

A former state Department of Social Services worker pleaded not guilty in August to stealing an estimated \$1.8

million from the department's Division of Child Protection Services over the course of 13 years. She allegedly created and approved fraudulent financial support orders for children.

In the state Department of Revenue, a deceased former employee allegedly used her position to create 13 fake vehicle titles used to secure \$400,000 in loans, according to the Attorney General's Office. The office filed charges in a related case last month against two other former employees — one who allegedly created a false vehicle title to claim she had a trade-in vehicle, allowing her to avoid some excise taxes, and another employee who allegedly failed to report the situation and cooperate with law enforcement. The two women have pleaded not guilty.

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4–10 pm

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7 a.m.–2 p.m.
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Wednesday 12-4

Hill City Purse Project Donation Drop Off
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD

Men's Breakfast Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
7:30 AM

Driver's License Exams
Custer County Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
8 AM to 5 PM

Seniors Functional Fitness
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Seniors Bridge Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 3 PM

Seniors Board Meeting
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 12 PM

Seniors Christmas Cookie Decorating
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10:30 AM - 4 PM

Hill City Seniors Lunch Bunch
The Alpine Inn
Hill City, SD
11:30 AM

Kidzlife
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
3:15-5:15 PM

Holiday Town Nights
Hill City Main Street
Businesses
Hill City, SD
4-7 PM
Drawing winners announced at 7:15 PM at a special location

Youth Group
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
5-8 PM

Life With Christ Adult Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Keystone Town Board Meeting
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
6 PM

Bingo
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Crossroads Church Xtreme Youth Group
Edward Jones (27 N 6th)
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Pringle AA Meeting
Pringle Community Center
Pringle, SD
7 PM

Thursday 12-5

Hill City Purse Project Donation Drop Off
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD

Seniors Christmas Cookie Packaging
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
8 AM - 12 PM

Women's Bible Study Fellowship
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
8:30 AM

Seniors Stretch and Flex
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Seniors Mahjong
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 12 PM

Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1 PM

Imagination Club
Hill City Public Library Kids' Annex
Hill City, SD
3:15 PM

PCCA Meeting
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
2 PM

Public Meeting Regarding Hill City Water & Wastewater Improvement Projects
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
6 PM



THE BOBBYS — Head to Sprockets Fun Foundry Friday, Dec. 6, for an evening with The Bobbys. This talented band will fill the air with their sweet country bluegrass tunes, creating an atmosphere that's sure to warm your heart. Their captivating performances weave together melodies that resonate with the soul and leave a lasting impression. The show starts at 5:30 p.m.

Friends of Bill W. AA Meeting
Bethesda Lutheran Church
Hot Springs, SD
6 PM

Hill City Elementary School Winter Concert
Gins Gym
Hill City, SD
6:30 PM

Christmas Cantata Choir Practice
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Hermosa, SD
6:30 PM

Civil Air Patrol
Custer County Airport
Custer, SD
7 PM

Friday 12-6

Custer/Hill City Community Christmas Cash Drawing

Cookie/Candy Walk
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
8 AM to Noon

Seniors Coffee Club
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9-11 AM

Community Food Pantry
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
9-11 AM

Story Time
Hill City Public Library
Kids Annex
Hill City, SD
9:30 AM

Hill City Purse Project Purse Filling & Delivery
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM

Story Time
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
10 AM

The Bobbys *LIVE*
Sprockets Fun Foundry
Keystone, SD
5:30 PM

Santa's Village Craft Fair
Custer Jr./Sr. High School
Custer, SD
9 AM-4 PM

Custer County Democrats Breakfast
Laughing Water Restaurant and Crazy Horse Memorial
Custer, SD
9:15 AM

Candy Cane Hunt
Custer Elementary School Playground
Custer, SD
9:30 AM

Friends of Bill W. AA Meeting
Bethesda Lutheran Church
Hot Springs, SD
10 AM

Custer AA Group
Custer Alano Club
Custer, SD
10 AM

Trees & Trains Exhibit
South Dakota State Railroad Museum
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 5 PM

Holiday Open House
ArtForms Gallery
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 5 PM

Photos with Santa Claus
South Dakota State Railroad Museum Library
Hill City, SD
11 AM - 4 PM

Christmas Open House
Sayer JaDin Photography
Hill City, SD
11 AM - 3 PM

Custer Community Action Team Food Distribution
CAT Building, Corner of N. 6th and Lincoln streets
Custer, SD
2-5 PM

1881 Courthouse Museum Open House
1881 Courthouse Museum
Custer, SD
4-6:30 PM

Custer Christmas Parade
Downtown Custer
Custer, SD
5:30 PM

Trivia Night
Sprockets Fun Foundry
Keystone, SD
5:30 PM

Lighting of Juanita Fish Memorial Tree
Way Park
Custer, SD
Following Christmas Parade

Colter Gerard and Jayda Reinert *LIVE*
Lazy R Bar & Grill
Hermosa, SD
7 PM

Buffalo Gap Community Dance *LIVE*
Buffalo Gap Community Center
Custer, SD
7 PM

Custer AA Group
Custer Alano Club
Custer, SD
10 AM

Sunday 12-8

Holiday Express
1880 Train
Hill City, SD
Select Times

Hill City Seniors Christmas Rummage & Bake Sale
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
8 AM - 12 PM

Seniors Sunday Breakfast
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
8 AM - 12 PM

Women's 12-Step Recovery
Custer Alano Club
Custer, SD
10:15 AM

Trees & Trains Exhibit
South Dakota State Railroad Museum
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 5 PM

Photos with Santa Claus
South Dakota State Railroad Museum Library
Hill City, SD
11 AM - 4 PM

AA Meeting
Keystone Community-Center
Keystone, SD
6 PM

Adult Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Children's Christmas Program
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6:30-8 PM

Doug Heck's Piano Compositions Showcase
First Congregational Church of Keystone
Keystone, SD
7 PM

Monday 12-9

School Prayer Walk
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
7 AM

Seniors Functional Fitness
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Community Food Pantry
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
9-11 AM

Garden Club Christmas Luncheon
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
11:30 AM

Seniors Share-a-Lunch
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
11:30 AM

Custer Rotary Club
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
Noon

Chick Chat and Crafts
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
4-6 PM

Heart of the Hills Quilters Meeting
Super 8 Conference Room
Hill City, SD
5 PM

Hill City Common Council Meeting
City Hall
Hill City, SD
5:30 PM

Custer School District Board of Education
Hermosa School
Hermosa, SD
6 PM

Hill City School Board Meeting
High School Board Room
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Hermosa Arts and History Association
Hermosa Town Hall
Hermosa, SD
6:30 PM

Young Life Christmas Club
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
6:53-8:30 PM

AA Meeting
Lighthouse Assembly of God
Hill City, SD
7 PM

Tuesday 12-10

Seniors Beginning Line Dancing
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Seniors Chair Yoga
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10:30 AM

Zonta
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
1 PM

Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1-3 PM

Seniors Knitting & Crocheting Group
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1-3 PM

Feeding South Dakota Truck
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
1-3 PM

Custer County Planning Commission
Custer City Hall
Custer, SD
5 PM

Custer Meet & Eat
Custer Community Church
Custer, SD
5-7 PM

Heart of the Hills Quilters Christmas Party
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
5-8 PM

Celebrate Recovery
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
5:45 PM

Friends of Bill W. AA Meeting
Bethesda Lutheran Church
Hot Springs, SD
6 PM

Christmas Cantata Choir Practice
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Hermosa, SD
6:30 PM

Hot Springs Amateur Radio Club
South Annex Building
709 Jensen Hwy.
Hot Springs, SD
6:30 PM

Pringle Town Board
Pringle Community Center
Pringle, SD
7 PM

Custer AA Group
Custer Alano Club
Custer, SD
7 PM

Elk Mountain School District Board of Education
Elk Mountain School
Dewey, SD
7 PM

Hill City High School and Middle School Choir Concert
Hill City High School Theater
Hill City, SD
7:30 PM

Wednesday 12-11

Men's Breakfast Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
7:30 AM
Custer County Commission
Custer County Courthouse
Custer, SD
8 AM

Driver's License Exams
Custer County Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
8 AM to 5 PM

Custer Area Economic Development Corp.
Black Hills Energy
Custer, SD
8:30 AM

Seniors Functional Fitness
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Seniors Bridge Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 3 PM

Friends of the Hill City Library Christmas Tea
Super 8 Conference Room
Hill City, SD
10:15 AM

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Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Pringle AA Meeting
Pringle Community Center
Pringle, SD
7 PM

Thursday 12-12

Christmas Tea
Custer Community Church
Custer, SD
2 PM

Custer Area Chamber of Commerce Mixer
Custer VFW
Custer, SD
5-7 PM

Friends of Bill W. AA Meeting
Bethesda Lutheran Church
Hot Springs, SD
6 PM

Christmas Cantata Choir Practice
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Hermosa, SD
6:30 PM

ADD/ADHD Support Group
Monument Health Custer Hospital Conference Room
Custer, SD
6:30 PM



CHRISTMAS IN CUSTER — Christmas is in the air in Custer, and there is a bevy of activities scheduled for this season to ring in the holiday season, including the annual Christmas parade, which is Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. There is also the lighting of the Juanita Fish Memorial Tree following the parade, and a variety of open houses and events around town. Check the above calendar or the story on the front page of this week's Custer County Chronicle for a complete list of events. [Submitted Photo]

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