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President Trump has released his budget proposal initially recommending 13.5% cuts across the board for education programs including federally funded adult education programs and finalizing a 16.5% reduction recommendation

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- ▶ **The federal legislative process**
- ▶ **Disclaimer**
- ▶ **Similar to Florida's**
- ▶ **President/Governor recommends a budget**
- ▶ **Federal and State House and Senate submit their budgets**

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- ▶ **Negotiation**
- ▶ **House and Senate try to reach agreement**
- ▶ **Sent to President for signature or veto**
- ▶ **If no agreement, goes to Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep things running**
- ▶ **President's tweet**

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- ▶ **Where are we in the process?**
- ▶ **President has sent his budget to House and Senate**
- ▶ **COABE Day on the Hill**
- ▶ **COABE and NCSDAE legislative visits**
- ▶ **Preliminary committee meetings in May**

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- ▶ **Ed Secretary DeVos testified June 6**
- ▶ **Non-defense domestic discretionary appropriations for FY 2018 are \$3B below FY 2017**
- ▶ **They are starting in a budget “hole”**
- ▶ **Process is behind schedule**
- ▶ **What’s next?**

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- ▶ **So Now What?**
- ▶ **COABE and NCSDAE position**
- ▶ **Originally ask: Do Not Cut Adult Education**
- ▶ **Revised ask: Fund Adult Education at recommended WIOA levels.**
- ▶ **Reality of the ask**

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- ▶ **Input from around the state compels Florida adult educators to action**
- ▶ **ACE of Florida ask:**
- ▶ **DON'T CUT ADULT EDUCATION**
- ▶ **ACE of Florida GOAL**
- ▶ **Every adult administrator and teacher makes a congressional contact**

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- ▶ **At your table you already have an adult education fact sheet and a return on investment sheet**
- ▶ **Utilize COABE and NCSDAE advocacy initiative resources**
- ▶ **Permission to use electronics**

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- ▶ In the time we have left....
- ▶ Use your computer
- ▶ Use your tablet
- ▶ Use your iPad
- ▶ Use your phone
- ▶ **ACT RIGHT NOW; It starts here, it starts today**

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▶ **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

▶ **Email Your Congressman From Their Site**

▶ **Who are my congressional representatives**

▶ https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?OrderBy=state

▶ <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

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- ▶ <https://www.billnelson.senate.gov/contact-bill>
- ▶ <https://www.rubio.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact>

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▶ <https://www.coabe.org/legislative-center/>

▶ www.educateandelevate.org

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**SET
THE
EXAMPLE**

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**YOU CAN'T ASK
SOMEONE ELSE TO
CONTACT A LEGISLATOR
UNLESS YOU HAVE!!**

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Watch for the ACE Alert

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