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Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors,

For today's update, I would like to share:

- The Feb. 6 Executive Order, "Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias"
- An update on confirmation hearing for Secretary of Education
- An update from the U.S. Department of Agriculture

Executive Order: Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias

On February 6, 2025, President Trump released the executive order, "<u>Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias</u>," which establishes a task force, which includes the secretary of education as a member. The task force is charged with creating a report within 120 days of the order. As of today, we don't have any other information about this executive order.

Confirmation Hearing for Secretary of Education

We also received an update from CCSSO: "Confirmation Hearing Scheduled: The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee has scheduled a confirmation hearing to consider the nomination of Linda McMahon to serve as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 13, at 10 a.m. EST, and will be livestreamed on the HELP website."

Update from the U.S. Department of Agriculture

We have also received the following statement from our contact at the U.S. Department of Agriculture which indicated that "Food and Nutrition Services grants are continuing as normal." Based on this message, we do not anticipate any disruption of nutrition services. As I shared last week, the CDE website has many resources to support schools, including the Colorado Multi-Tiered System of Supports (COMTSS) If you feel like you need additional resources or information, please contact our Chief Communications Officer Emma Garrett-Nelson at garrett-nelson_e@cde.state.co.us.

Thank you and have a great week.