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Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors,

Today I am sharing the following updates on the US Department of Education (ED) press release on Title VI certification.

This morning, ED [issued a press release that included the following](#):

K-12 State Education Agencies (SEAs) [must] certify their compliance with their anti-discrimination obligations in order to continue receiving federal financial assistance. Specifically, the Department requests certification of compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the responsibilities outlined in Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard.

We are reviewing the [certification document](#) to understand ED's requirements and conferring with our legal counsel. We will let you know the next steps; please do not take any actions until we provide you with further guidance. We understand that you may be receiving questions about the impact of this; as soon as we have more information, we will reach out to you all.

Thank you for your patience as we review the request,

Warm regards,

Susana Córdova