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Committee for Education Funding (CEF) statement on the cuts to federal education investments in the President's FY 2020 budget

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Statement of Sheryl V. Cohen, Executive Director, Committee for Education Funding

"Investments in education remain a top priority for an overwhelming majority of Americans, yet the President's fiscal year 2020 budget slashes federal resources for education by $8.8 billion (12.5 percent) below current levels. Americans have become increasingly aware and vocal about the resource challenges facing our schools and the mounting levels of student debt, but instead of taking the opportunity to address these educational needs, the President's budget makes them worse. In fact, the budget underinvests along the entire education continuum – from early childhood education, to elementary and secondary education, to higher education and workforce training, as well as out-of-school educational programs.

"Education investments currently account for less than two percent of the federal budget, and funding for Department of Education programs is $7 billion below the 2011 level in inflation-adjusted terms. The President's budget deeply cuts support for education even though investments in education are among the most important and profitable that the nation can make. Simply put, education pays – for students, families, communities, and the economy."

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