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## **The American Diabetes Association's Statement on the Administration's Dismantling of the U.S. Department of Education**

**ARLINGTON, Va. (March 21, 2025)** – In response to recent news of the executive order calling for the dismantling of the U.S. Department of Education, the American Diabetes Association® (ADA) issues the following statement:

“The ADA is extremely concerned about the adverse impact of dismantling the U.S. Department of Education upon 352,000 children and adolescents today in the U.S. living with diabetes, a disability under federal law. The ADA is concerned that these actions will diminish its ability to oversee and enforce legal protections for these children under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Individual with Disabilities Education Act. The department's monitoring and enforcement of these federal laws ensure children with diabetes have access to appropriate diabetes care while at school, enabling them to safely and fairly participate in their education and all school-sponsored activities. Without the department's enforcement, children with diabetes may not be able to safely attend school and achieve academic success.

The ADA is committed to protecting and defending the legal rights of children with diabetes and is engaging with congressional leaders and the administration to express our concerns and ensure our nation's children with diabetes are Safe at School®.”

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### **About the American Diabetes Association**

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) is the nation's leading voluntary health organization fighting to end diabetes and helping people thrive. This year, the ADA celebrates 85 years of driving discovery and research to prevent, manage, treat, and ultimately cure —and we're not stopping. There are 136 million Americans living with diabetes or prediabetes. Through advocacy, program development, and education, we're fighting for them all. To learn more or to get involved, visit us at [diabetes.org](https://diabetes.org) or call 1-800-DIABETES (800-342-2383). Join us in the fight on Facebook ([American Diabetes Association](#)), Spanish Facebook ([Asociación Americana de la Diabetes](#)), LinkedIn ([American Diabetes Association](#)), and Instagram ([@AmDiabetesAssn](#)). To learn more about how we are advocating for everyone affected by diabetes, visit us on X ([@AmDiabetesAssn](#)).