



# Fact Sheet

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## Educators Know Trumpcare is Bad for Students

***“If we’re not able to access the resources we have now... we’re going to be hurting kids.”*** ([The Washington Post](#), 6/28/2017)

- Gary Kelly, Superintendent  
DuQuoin, Illinois

***“As an educator, I want all my students to have every resource possible.”*** ([Politico](#), 7/3/2017)

- Brad Seamer, High School Principal  
Salem, South Dakota

***“If I could have 10 minutes with President Trump, I could help him understand what we do, why it’s important...If he understood, he would protect it, because this isn’t Republicans and Democrats. It’s just kids.”*** ([The New York Times](#), 5/3/2017)

- Vickie Glenn, Medicaid Coordinator for Tri-County Special Education  
Murphysboro, Illinois

***“The projected loss of \$880 billion in federal Medicaid dollars under the House bill and the Senate’s proposal to reduce Medicaid to a mere shell of itself is unconscionable...We must use our collective voices to work together and ensure our country meets the health care and educational needs of all children and families.”*** ([Shaker Heights Patch](#), 06/28/17)

- Gregory Hutchings, Superintendent  
Shaker Heights, Ohio

***“The healthcare bill being considered in the Senate would rip away supports and jeopardize school staff’s ability to make sure every child who steps into a classroom is ready to learn. We strongly oppose this flawed proposal to block-grant the Medicaid program; children cannot learn to their fullest potential with unmet health needs.”*** ([TIME](#), 6/27/2017)

- Randi Weingarten, President of the American Federation of Teachers & Daniel Domenech,  
Executive Director of The School Superintendents Association

***“Our most vulnerable citizens are going to be suffering the most. If any legislator votes for this, it’s unconscionable.”*** ([The New York Times](#), 5/3/2017)

- John George, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Montgomery  
County, Pennsylvania

***“Restructuring Medicaid to a per capita cap system will undermine WCSD's ability to provide America's neediest children access to vital healthcare necessary to ensure they are able to succeed in school and beyond...”*** (Letter Cited in [Reno Gazette-Journal](#), 6/28/2017)

- Traci Davis, Washoe County School District Superintendent  
Reno, Nevada

***“...we’ve got to consider the most vulnerable of our population.”*** ([The Washington Post](#), 6/28/2017)

- Paul Gausman, Superintendent  
Sioux City, Iowa

***“... Children cannot learn to their fullest potential with unmet health needs and this legislation would take health care services and access away from American’s most vulnerable children.”*** ([Co-Chairs of the Save Medicaid in Schools Coalition Statement](#), 4/28/2017)

- Sasha Pudelski, The School Superintendents Association; John Hill, National Alliance for Medicaid in Education; Kelly Vaillancourt Strobach, National Association of School Psychologists

***“Under the American Health Care Act, the bulk of the costs for health care coverage would be shifted to our state even though health needs and costs of care for children will remain the same or increase... If we cannot adequately make up the difference in federal funding, providers will be forced to cut eligibility, services, and benefits for children.”*** ([Politico](#), 6/21/2017)

- Colorado Association of School Executives

***“We’re concerned because it is an attack on what we consider is vital to our students... We don’t deny any student any services. If funds get cut, it alters the thinking for all of us to get creative to make sure a child can get what they need.”*** ([Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 6/27/2017)

- Jennifer Mims-Howell, Senior Director of Specialized Services at Milwaukee Public Schools  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

***“Many Kansas children receive speech, physical therapy and behavioral therapy at school via special education services mandated by their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Schools then apply for and receive Medicaid reimbursement for many of those costs. If Kansas schools lose Medicaid reimbursement for those services, they will be forced to shift the costs for those services to state and local funding sources.”*** ([Action Alert](#), 7/2/2017)

- Kansas Association of School Boards

***“I wonder what the senators think is going to happen? Do they think everything is just going to go away? It doesn’t. ... What happens is we either have to cut something or increase taxes.”*** ([Politico](#), 7/3/2017)

- Brian Creasman, Superintendent  
Fleming County, Kentucky

***“It’s a major impact on us, and it’s kids who are the most vulnerable... They have mental health issues or physical issues that require assistance, and they are the ones that receive services... It just seems completely wrong.”*** ([Politico](#), 7/3/2017)

- Joseph J. Roy, Superintendent  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania