



Webinar: What Do We Do Now? Students' Rights Are Civil Rights!



The Education Law Center (ELC) is hosting a series of three webinars about the future of public education. The first two are available [online](#), and the third will be this Thursday. [Please join](#) U.S. Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights Catherine Lhamon, ELC Executive Director Robert Kim and NEPC director Kevin Welner, as they discuss student-rights issues.

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Here's what you need to know:

When: Thursday, January 16, 2-3 p.m. ET

Who: Catherine Lhamon, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights; Robert Kim, ELC Executive Director; and Kevin Welner, ELC Board Chair and NEPC Director.

What: The federal government plays a key role in the protection of public-school students' civil rights. That role is expected to be diminished, disregarded or worse during the second Trump administration. For instance, we can anticipate efforts to shrink or weaponize the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education. There is legitimate and growing concern for immigrant and LGBTQ+ students, students who experience sexual harassment

and violence, students receiving special education, and students of color. Also on the horizon are expanded school curriculum censorship, a federal private school voucher program, and turning away from the current (insufficient) racial diversity and school desegregation efforts, among other projected changes. These concerns are very real, but so is the fightback. Hear from experts about how to protect students' civil rights during Trump 2.0.

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