



The following statement is from Education Law Center executive director Deborah Gordon Klehr, in response to the December 21, 2018, decision of the Department of Education and Department of Justice to rescind the 2014 federal guidance on school discipline:

“Today, the Trump administration rescinded the 2014 federal guidance that had addressed bias in school discipline, ignoring massive opposition to this anticipated but reprehensible move. The administration is attempting to harden schools in ways that do not make schools safer, while ignoring disparate impact and systemic racism. However, it’s critical to note that the underlying federal laws protecting students from discrimination are still applicable. Any school with discipline policies or practices that discriminate against children based on race, ethnicity, sex, or disability will still be breaking the law. The Education Law Center continues to stand ready to protect and defend the civil rights of all students in Pennsylvania – especially in the face of an administration that is refusing to enforce them.”

Read our December 18, 2018 statement on the discipline guidance [here](#).