

“The confirmation of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education in no way indicates that she has a mandate to take over our public schools. It was clear during this process, Maine educators, and educators across the nation, felt DeVos was not qualified for this position. More than one million letters from MEA/NEA members were sent followed by tens of thousands of phone calls all opposing DeVos. Today’s outcome marks only the beginning of the resistance.”

“Students, educators, parents, civil rights, and special education advocates—along with millions of Americans—are speaking loud and clear: we are here to stay...we will protect public education.”

“MEA members are going to watch what Betsy DeVos does. And we are going to hold her accountable for the actions and decisions she makes on behalf of the Maine students and students across the nation.”