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Hi [REDACTED]

I agree that we don't have a role in translating the federal guidance and that a letter to the field is out of our lane at present. (I was traveling all day yesterday, so missed all of that back and forth...). Thanks for your guidance to [REDACTED] on it.

That said, I would like to see the DW guidance. I've been researching the interplay between state and federal law (and local policy) as I do think that is a clarification that we ought to be able to provide — once we have certainty. In other words - in the work we do to support the field in conducting the public education work, we'd be expected to help them differentiate between the force of law from a federal exec order, federal statute, federal rule, state statute, state rule, and local policy ... so they'd know which (pardon the expression) trumps which! (sorry - not funny)

My current hypothesis is that if a school has a local policy limiting law enforcement access within the schools in order to preserve the educational environment, they can enforce that if ICE shows up with no warrant or with an administrative warrant. A judicial warrant might be another story, but not sure.

At any rate, I'm comfortable not sending anything - but once the misinformation takes hold (like Title IX injunction) it is very hard to restore clarity and truth. So I do hope we can offer some sort of framework for local decision makers to access.

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