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**Heller Statement on Confirmation of Betsy DeVos as Education Secretary****(Washington, DC)** – United States Senator Dean Heller released the following statement after the Senate voted to confirm Betsy DeVos as the Secretary of Education. “Today, the Senate voted to confirm Betsy DeVos as our nation’s next Secretary of Education. Due to her commitment to improve our nation’s school system for all students and her focus on increasing parental engagement, I supported her nomination. She shares many of the same points of view as Governor Sandoval when it comes to our nation’s school systems. Having his support weighed heavily on my decision to vote for her confirmation. Betsy DeVos understands the need to bring back education control to state and local boards, and I look forward to working with her to empower our parents, teachers, students, and local education officials. As the husband of a teacher, I believe Betsy DeVos is the right choice for this position,” **said United States Senator Dean Heller.****Background:** In January, twenty governors from across the nation sent a [letter](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/be6f932e-22e6-4f01-ade5-8ac3db2f298d/sandy%20esa%20letter.pdf) to Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander expressing their support for Betsy DeVos as the next Secretary of Education. ###http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_fb.pnghttp://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_tw.pnghttp://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_yt.png |