OTHER NEWS U.S. Education Department to restart defaulted student loan collections

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Education no longer be forced to serve said Monday that it will resume collections May 5 for defaulted federal student loans.

After pausing during the early weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic, the agency has not collected on defaulted loans in over five years. More than 5 million borrowers sit in default on their federal student loans, and just 38%

their payments, the department said.

"American taxpayers will as collateral for irresponsible student loan policies," U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon said in a statement Monday.

During last year's presidential campaign, President Donald Trump criticized his predecessor and successor, President Joe Biden, for his efforts to erase student debt. McMahon resumed that line

of borrowers are current on of attack Monday, blaming Biden's administration for unreasonably raising borrowers' expectations of forgiveness.

> "The Biden Administration misled borrowers: the executive branch does not have the constitutional authority to wipe debt away, nor do the loan balances simply disappear. Hundreds of billions have already been transferred to taxpayers," McMahon said.

She added that "going forward, the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Department of Treasury, will shepherd the student loan program responsibly and according to the law, which means helping borrowers return to repayment — both for the sake of their own financial health and our nation's economic outlook."

The department said the Office of Federal Student Aid will restart the Treasury Offset Program, which the U.S. Treasury Department administers, on May 5.

The Education Department

statement said all borrowers who are in default will get emails over the next two weeks "making them aware of these developments and urging them to contact the Default Resolution Group to make a monthly payment, enroll in an income-driven repayment plan, or sign up for loan rehabilitation."

The department said the Office of Federal Student Aid will "send required notices beginning administrative wage garnishment" later this summer.



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STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a petition for final settlement was filed in this Court by Boyd Funk, duly appointed, qualified and acting executor of the estate of Rodger E. Funk, deceased, requesting that petitioner's acts be approved; the filing of an accounting be waived: the heirs be determined: the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the court costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the estate be closed; upon

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the filing of receipts, the petitioner be finally discharged as the executor of the estate of Rodger E. Funk, deceased, and the petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before May 7, 2025, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. in the District Court in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition. Bovd Funk, executor Michael E. Collins, SC# 07384 HOPE, MILLS, BOLIN, COLLINS & RAMSEY LLP 607 N. Seventh, P.O. Box 439 Garden City, Kansas 67846 Phone: (620) 276-3203 Attorneys for executor Published in Garden City Telegram April 12, 19, 26, 2025. 3320560

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