



The Students And Data Behind Sweet v DeVos

892

**Former For-Profit College Students Submitted
Testimony in the Lawsuit Sweet v DeVos**

958 Days

Is the average time students have been waiting for a response from the Department of Education

96%

Say their lives are WORSE now than before attending a for-profit college

95%

Report difficulty planning their financial future due to the Department's lack of action

Students who report that their lives are worse today than before they went to school	852	95.5%
Students who report their financial planning is impaired because of no decision	845 students	94.73%
Students who report experiencing physical or emotional harm	820 students	91.93%
Students who report difficulty getting financing (for auto, homes, etc.)	599 students	67.15%
Students who report deferring further education because of no decision	547 students	61.32%
Students who report delaying marriage or having children	422 students	47.31%
Students who have lost faith that the government will protect students	745 students	84.75%
Students who believe higher education has NOT made their lives better	650 students	72.8%
Students who are continuing to receive payment demands after submitting their borrower defense claim	284 students	31.84%

“My claim has gone unanswered for over three and a half years. That's ridiculous. The Art Institute has even closed in that time. Those of us who were financially abused by for-profit educational institutions deserve to be considered. We were fed lies by society that a degree would ensure financial stability. It doesn't. We were fed lies by these organizations that we would land great jobs, especially with their help. We haven't. We were fed lies that our course credits would transfer should we decide to pursue our education elsewhere. They won't. The government under the Trump administration has done nothing but prove in every way, shape and form that the average American is the very least of their concerns.”

-Denise Heard-Bashur, former student at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh

To view excerpts from student testimony and videos, go to:
predatorystudentlending.org/sweetvdevos-studentloantruth