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Kicking the feds outta schools?

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Neal McCluskey of the [Cato Institute](#) says there are early signals that it's possible to push the federal government out of local schools.

McCluskey, associate director of the Center for Educational Freedom at the Institute, says indications are that those seeking to halt federal control over local schools may be making some progress, starting with the breaking down of the rigid mandates for No Child Left Behind.

"I'd say that both of the major proposals that we've gotten so far for what to do with the No Child Left Behind Act would begin to break down some of the heavy prescriptiveness of that law, a lot of the heavy mandates," he explains.

The Cato spokesman also says the recent Republican presidential candidate debates are also another indication. "The Republican presidential candidates, when they talk about education -- which isn't all that often -- are talking again about getting the federal government out of education and eliminating the Department of Education," he states.

McCluskey says on the downside, the White House, Democrats, and even some Republicans are pushing for all states to adopt a single curricular standard.