

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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ACCREDITING COUNCIL FOR)	
INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND)	
SCHOOLS,)	
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	
)	
BETSY DEVOS, in her official capacity as)	Civil Action No. 16-2448 (RBW)
Secretary of the Department of Education,)	
and the UNITED STATES)	
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

ORDER

For the reasons set forth in the Court’s oral ruling at the evidentiary hearing held on February 21, 2017, it is hereby

ORDERED that, the plaintiff having failed to make a showing of substantial likelihood of success on the merits and the risk of irreparable harm, and the Court having concluded that the balance of equities and public interest factors weigh in favor of denying injunctive relief, the plaintiff’s motion for a preliminary injunction is **DENIED**. It is further

ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint proposed briefing schedule governing dispositive motions in this case on or before March 3, 2017.

SO ORDERED this 22nd day of February, 2017.

REGGIE B. WALTON
United States District Judge