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*The COSSBA Education Report*, a weekly publication, provides an executive summary of public policy issues affecting American K-12 education and employment. **Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest:**

1. **News, Publications, & Updates on COSSBA Policy Priorities**

• **Funding**

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## 1. COSSBA Policy Priorities

### FUNDING

#### ED GETS \$82B IN BIDEN'S FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST, 4% INCREASE

On Monday, the Biden-Harris Administration released the President's Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. Following historic progress made since the President took office, the Budget aims to lower costs for working families, protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare, invest in America and the American people, and reduce the deficit by cracking down on fraud, cutting wasteful spending, and increasing taxes on wealthy corporations. In terms of education, the Budget will invest in evidence-based strategies and partnerships that will help improve learning conditions, build pathways to college and careers, and increase postsecondary education affordability and access. The proposed budget requests \$82.4 billion in discretionary Budget Authority, marking a \$3.1 billion or 4.0 percent increase from the FY 2024 annualized Continuing Resolution (CR) level. With these resources, the Department of Education (ED) plans to enhance academic excellence by investing in high-need schools and student recovery by providing \$18.6 billion for Title I and \$14.4 billion for Individuals with Disability Education Act Part B. In addition, it aims to eliminate the educator shortage and support student mental health and well-being through a \$216 million investment for School Safety National Activities. With the goal of promoting global engagement, ED will also provide \$940 million to support English learners and \$1.5 billion for Career and Technical Education state grants. Lastly, ED plans on using these funds to reduce higher education costs through increasing Pell Grant awards, proposing the elimination of origination fees on Federal Direct student loans, and establishing partnerships to make two years of community college free for first-time students and workers wanting to reskill. Further details on the ED's FY 25 budget can be found [here](#).

### TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

#### UPENN LEADERS HIGHLIGHT UNIVERSITY EDUCATOR PREP PROGRAMS

On Tuesday, EdPrepLab hosted a webinar titled, "Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Educator Preparation at the University of Pennsylvania." The virtual event featured faculty and administrators from the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) Graduate School of Education to discuss certain strategies they have found useful when incorporating culturally responsive and sustaining practices in four of the University's educator preparation programs. Patrick Sexton, executive director of UPenn's Teacher Education Program, summarized the program's overarching goals, including its commitment to justice and equity to form student-centered, practice-based educator preparation for Pennsylvania. Nicole Carl, director of UPenn's Urban Teaching Residency, underscored how the program is designed for training first-year teachers to enact equity-focused practices aligned with the science of learning and development in Philadelphia schools. Meanwhile, the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship, Director Christopher Dean explained, is an apprenticeship developed for recent college graduates to begin working with experienced mentors in urban Philadelphia schools. Dean emphasized the programs' goal of giving new graduates a full year of experience based on research-informed teaching before seeking employment. Charlotte Jacobs, director of the Independent School Teaching Residency, emphasized the program's commitment to novice educators interested in teaching at independent schools across the country, and Jessica Richard, the UPenn School Leadership Program's associate director, explained how this program is designed for experienced educators transitioning to school leadership, serving both Philadelphia public schools and independent schools in the US. Based on

an accelerated executive cohort model, Richard noted how this program seeks to equip educators with the skills school leaders need. Breakout rooms were formed so audience members could have conversations about specific practices and challenges with each program director. A recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).

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## 2. Budget and Appropriations Wrap-Up

Earlier this month, Congress approved a package of six spending bills that averted—yet again—a partial federal government shutdown. Congress continues to work on a second package that includes the remaining six funding bills, including the FY 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education spending bill. The deadline for those efforts is March 22<sup>nd</sup>—this Friday.

Advocates expected text of the package to be available over the weekend, but that was not the case. It was reported last week that policy and funding decisions in the Homeland Security bill and the State and Foreign Operations bill are slowing progress on the package.

The House and Senate have just a few days to debate and pass the measure before a two-week recess.

This week will be among the busiest for advocates and Capitol Hill staff. Fly-in season is in full swing, and hundreds of groups are descending upon legislators' offices. Spring break school trips are crowding sidewalks, and the famed cherry blossoms are as beautiful as ever.

### How does this impact State School Board Associations?

At an event last week, House Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) said that education advocates will be relieved that the education spending in the bill will not resemble the proposal developed by House Republicans last year. However, since the allocation for the bill is lower than FY 2023 levels, increases would be few and level funding should be considered a win. That means there will likely be at least some cuts to education programs.

While we continue to watch the FY 2024 process, the FY 2025 process has begun with the release of President Biden's FY 2025 budget request last Monday. For the Department of Education, President Biden has requested \$82 billion in discretionary funding, which is an increase of \$3.1 billion over the final FY 2023 figure for the agency. (*Final FY 2024 figures remain unavailable as Congress continues to work on this year's bill.*) Compared to FY 2023, the agency's funding total includes modest increases of \$200 million each for Title I and for special education state grants, along with increases for the two other special education state grant programs and for personnel preparation. The budget request also increases the maximum Pell grant award.

The budget also proposes a new mandatory spending program. According to Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona's [statement](#) on the request, the President is asking Congress to spend "\$8 billion in mandatory funding to support States and schools to meet the critical needs of their students by increasing student attendance and engagement; providing high-dosage tutoring; and expanding summer, extended, and afterschool learning opportunities." The President will have to convince allies on Capitol Hill to support his request if this new initiative is to come to fruition—a task made more difficult by partisan politics and the complications created by an Election Year.



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### **3. In Brief – Last Week in Washington**

#### **NEW AMERICA EXAMINES INEQUALITY BETWEEN AMERICA'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

On Monday, New America held a webinar titled, “Segregation, the Suburbs, and Education Funding: Kids and Schools in America’s Unequal Communities.” The event was led by Nirvi Shah, executive editor of The Hechinger Report, and featured a panel of education experts – Zahava Stadler, project director of the Education Funding Equity Initiative, and Benjamin Herold, award-winning journalist and fellow with the Learning Sciences Exchange at New America. Delving into the racial and economic divides between neighboring school districts, the panelists discussed how these divisions exacerbate racial inequity in the United States. Stadler began by sharing details from a recent New America [study](#), revealing that the average school district in the U.S. had a 15.8 percent school-age poverty rate in 2021; and that there was, on average, a 5.2 percent poverty-gap between neighboring school districts. She attributed these disparities to intentional policy choices made by every level of government, including redlining, discriminatory mortgage lending, exclusionary zoning, and unfair property assessments. Drawing from his latest book, *Disillusioned*, Herold discussed the growing inequities within suburban school systems. He emphasized that the flight to suburbia has often been predicated on the ability to exclude, both racially and economically. To help address this issue, the panelists recommended the expansion of charter schools, shared financial responsibility for school facilities at the state level, and the redrawing of school district boundaries to make schools more racially and economically integrated. While acknowledging the substantial work ahead, Stadler and Herold urged states to shift focus from merely compensating for these disparities to addressing the root causes, such as underlining residential segregation and the inequitable school finance system. A recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).

#### **CAMPAIGN FOR GRADE LEVEL READING DISCUSSES AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS**

On Tuesday, the Campaign for Grade Level Reading held a webinar titled, “Expanding Learning = Expanded Recovery: How Afterschool Programs Drive Student Progress.” The event was led by Hilary Jones, director of Professional Learning Foundations, Inc., and featured a panel of education experts – Andrew Francis, director of Evaluation Services Foundations, Inc.; Katie Landes, director of Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network; Jen Rinehart, senior vice president of strategy and programs Afterschool Alliance; and Denieka Wicker, senior regional director of operations at Prince George’s County Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington. Unpacking recent research [findings](#) and supportive policies, the panelists discussed how afterschool programs have and continue to make a significant impact on academic and developmental outcomes. Francis began by underscoring the importance of afterschool programs in meeting student cognitive, emotional, and academic needs. Identifying key criteria of success, he emphasized the significance of having a clear program design driven by data, engaging staff, and youth leadership. Rinehart discussed the impact of American Rescue Plan (ARP) investments on afterschool and summer opportunities, highlighting the roughly \$10 billion put to work to provide more opportunity for an estimated five million youth. While acknowledging the positive impact of this funding, she raised concerns about its inadequacy, stating that \$10 billion represents only a small fraction of the potential support. Rinehart also highlighted the challenges faced by afterschool and summer providers in securing ARP funding, emphasizing that nearly half of providers experienced increased in-person service costs in the last year. The panelists concluded by providing recommendations to program providers on securing additional funding. They reinforced the need for providers to demonstrate the worth

of afterschool investments, leverage remaining funds, and amplify the voices of youth and their families. A recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).

### **SENS. HICKENLOOPER, BRAUN, KAINE EXAMINE YOUTH APPRENTICESHIPS**

On Tuesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety held a [hearing](#) on “Youth Apprenticeships: Building Partnerships, Strengthening Career Pathways.” The bipartisan hearing highlighted legislation championed by Senators Hickenlooper and Braun, the [Youth Apprenticeship Advancement Act](#) (S. 2363) to establish a five-year competitive grant program for workforce training for in-demand careers, targeted for the training needs of 16-22 year olds. The only Subcommittee Members in attendance were Subcommittee Chair John Hickenlooper (D-CO), Subcommittee Ranking Member Mike Braun (R-IN), and Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA). Witnesses included Steve Day, Cherry Creek Innovation Campus Principal (Colorado); Wesley Patch with wind energy company Vestas Americas (Colorado); Brad Rhorer with Ascend Indiana; and Denise Tugade, a former member of the California Youth Apprenticeship Council. Chair Hickenlooper’s opening remarks noted that many students enroll and fail to complete college, and businesses struggle to build workforce pipelines. To address this gap in workforce and apprenticeship training, he introduced the *Youth Apprenticeship Advancement Act* with Senator Braun to expand apprenticeship programs across the country. Ranking Member Braun noted that his state has been a leader in developing workforce training programs. Braun continued to note the high investment in apprenticeship programs by the state of Indiana, and as for his legislation with Senator Hickenlooper, he said that the bill “does not discriminate against industry recognized credentials” and gives “no priority for labor unions.” Each witness underscored the benefits of S. 2363 if passed, with Patch saying, “It will allow more businesses to give opportunities for our youth to be paid to learn and gain knowledge for better stronger skilled workforce in the future.” As with most discussions on apprenticeship programs, the witness panel additionally emphasized the importance of public and private partnerships, particularly with the K-12 system when it comes to youth apprenticeships. “Lastly, what is critically needed for this model to work is partnership between educators, labor, employers, and intermediaries, as well as connections to registered apprenticeships,” Tugade said. Senator Kaine during his remarks noted his position as Co-Chairman, along with Senator Mike Braun, of the Career and Technical Education Caucus, as well as his introduction with Braun of the *Jumpstart Our Businesses by Supporting Students (JOBS) Act of 2023 (S. 161)*, a bill that expands student eligibility for Pell Grants by establishing the Job Training Federal Pell Grant program. Sen. Kaine stated that he’s “excited to see a real renaissance in career and technical education in our K-12 systems, all across the country.” Witness testimony and an archived recording of the hearing can be found [here](#).

### **ED REMINDS SCHOOLS OF LEGAL OBLIGATION TO ADDRESS DISCRIMINATION**

On Thursday, the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR) reminded schools of their obligations to address discrimination against Muslim, Arab, Sikh, South Asian, Hindu, and Palestinian students. This reminder, sent as a [Dear Colleague Letter](#), is one component of the Biden-Harris Administration’s forthcoming [National Strategy to Counter Islamophobia and Related Forms of Bias and Discrimination](#) and was issued ahead of the [International Day to Combat Islamophobia](#), which is observed on Friday, March 15. The letter reminds schools of their legal obligation under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and its implementing regulations to provide all students with a school environment free from discrimination based on race, color, or national origin, including shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics. Further, the letter



explains that schools that receive federal financial assistance from the Department of Education (ED) have a responsibility to address discrimination against students, including Muslim, Arab, Sikh, South Asian, Hindu, and Palestinian students, when the discrimination involves racial, ethnic, or ancestral slurs or stereotypes; is based on a student's skin color, physical features, or style of dress that reflects both ethnic and religious traditions; or is based on the country or region where a student is from or is perceived to have come from. The release of the letter continues ED's work in advancing the Biden-Harris Administration's National Strategy to Counter Islamophobia and Related Forms of Bias and Discrimination. In November, ED issued a [fact sheet](#) outlining various resources to keep students safe in the classroom and on campuses. Senior administration officials have also conducted site visits to schools and institutions of higher education, as well as [held listening sessions](#) with impacted communities. In addition to the letter, OCR has issued [other resources](#) to support schools in complying with their obligations under Title VI.

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### 6. Weekly Calendar

#### Tuesday, March 19, 2024

**Event: Getting K-12 Right**

**Subject:** The American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research (AEI) will hold a discussion on "Getting K-12 Right."

**Participants:** Cade Brumley, state superintendent of education, Louisiana; Nicole Neily, president, Parents Defending Education; Frederick Hess, director of education policy studies, AEI; Michael McShane, adjunct fellow, AEI; and Darrell Bradford, president, 50CAN.

**Time and Location:** 4:00 p.m.; AEI, 1789 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Auditorium, Washington, D.C.

**Registration:** Register [here](#).

#### Wednesday, March 20, 2024

**Hearing: House Appropriations Labor-H Subcommittee FY25 HHS Budget**

**Subject:** The House Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee will hold a hearing on "FY2025 Budget Request for the Department of Health and Human Services."

**Witness:** Xavier Beccera, secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 2358-C Rayburn HOB.

**Registration:** Live stream available [here](#).

**Event: Tackling Critical Teacher Shortages- Insights on Federal Policies and Programs**

**Subject:** The Learning Policy Institute will hold a briefing to discuss research on the state of the educator workforce, evidence-based approaches to address teacher shortages, and more robust federal strategies that could help ensure a well-prepared, diverse, and stable educator workforce.

**Participants:** Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA); Michael DiNapoli, Jr., deputy director of federal policy, Learning Policy Institute; Susan Kemper Patrick, senior researcher, Learning Policy Institute; Thomas Owenby, associate dean for teacher education, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Jacqueline Rodriguez, CEO, National Center for Learning Disabilities; Clifton Tanabe, dean, College of Education, the University of Texas-El Paso; and Reggie White, 2022-2023 Alabama Teacher of the Year, Birmingham City Schools.

**Time and Location:** 4:00 p.m.; B-48 Dirksen SOB.

**Registration:** Register [here](#).

#### Thursday, March 21, 2024

**Event: Promising Pathways Through Experiential Learning**

**Subject:** The Albert Shanker Institute, the American Federation of Teachers, and the Center for American Progress will hold an event to highlight various facets of experiential learning, ranging from career and technical education to the arts, music, and action civics. Through student-centered approaches, participants will delve into how experiential learning cultivates deeper

understanding and equips students with the skills necessary for promising careers across diverse fields.

**Participants:** Governor Wes Moore (D-MD); Randi Weingarten, president, American Federation of Teachers and Albert Shanker Institute; Patrick Gaspard, president and CEO, Center for American Progress; Liz Shuler, president, AFL-CIO; Rep. Ro Khanna, (D-CA); Stanley Litow, former vice president of corporate citizenship & corporate affairs, IBM; Raphael Bonhomme, educator, School-Within-School @ Goding, DCPS; Valerie Holthus, president, Anoka Hennepin Education Minnesota, Local 700; Azariah McLymore, attorney and graduate, Newburgh P-TECH program; and Kwesi Rollins, senior vice president for leadership and engagement, Coalition for Community Schools.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m.; 600 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

**Registration:** Register [here](#).

**Hearing: House Budget Committee on FY25 Budget Request**

**Subject:** The House Budget Committee will hold a hearing on "The President's FY2025 Budget Request."

**Witness:** Shalanda Young, director, Office of Management and Budget.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 210 Cannon HOB.

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**Witness:** Tom Vilsack, secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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## 7. Future Hearings and Events

### Tuesday, March 26, 2024

**Agency Event: NSF Math and Physical Sciences Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation will hold a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; NSF, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA.

**Registration:** Register [here](#).

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**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.

**Registration:** RSVP to [ellie.pelaez@ed.gov](mailto:ellie.pelaez@ed.gov)

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- Creating meaningful impact.

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