

UCEA 2020 Education Project

Comparison of Democratic Presidential Candidates' Educational Viewpoints



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Introduction

As the 2020 Democratic Presidential Campaign approaches the Primary Season, UCEA conducted a review of recent educational position statements of the leading candidates.

The analysis consisted of a comprehensive review of the education-related stances available on candidates' official campaign websites, interviews, and public statements. From that analysis we charted the issues for easy comparison. We will continue to update this analysis if additional material is made available.

In this document, we created a comparison of the candidates and the different education-related issues they raised. It is divided into two main sections. The first by issue. These issues were organized loosely into four broad categories because of the specific educational context and/or the point of impact of proposed or future policies. The categories are *Community*, *Higher Education*, *K-12*, and *Other*. The second is by candidate in alphabetical order.

We offer this document in an effort to engage our membership in important educational issues that are being discussed during the primaries and beyond. UCEA **does not** advocate for any particular position or candidate.

Note: Keep a look out for future parts of the 2020 Education Project, including the Summer UCEA Review, which will be focusing on the educational policy issues and a future comparison of the Democratic and Republican educational platforms.

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Summary

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Community			
DACA Students			
Public-Private Partnerships			
Mental Health			✓
Foster Care			✓
After-School/Summer Learning		✓	✓
Child Care		✓	✓
Higher Education			
Title IX/Sexual Violence		✓	
Private Lenders	✓		
College Accountability	✓		✓
College Affordability	✓	✓	✓
College Homelessness/Hunger			✓
College Transparency			
Community Colleges	✓	✓	✓
GI Benefits/Military Transition	✓		✓
Higher Ed Degree Completion	✓	✓	
Minority-Serving Institutions	✓	✓	
Pell Grants	✓	✓	
Public Service Loan Forgiveness	✓		
School Loans	✓	✓	
Educator Workforce Development/Preparation	✓		✓
Adult Education			
K-12			
Desegregation	✓	✓	✓
Incarcerated Students			
Inequitable Funding Systems	✓	✓	✓
LGBTQ Students		✓	
Racism/Funding Gaps/Inequity	✓		
Special Education			
Native Education		✓	
Home Visits	✓		
Child Poverty		✓	✓
GED Programs			
Community Schools	✓	✓	✓
Discipline Disparity/School-to-Prison Pipeline		✓	✓
English Language Learners/Bilingualism		✓	✓
Expanding Rigorous Coursework	✓		✓
For-Profit/Private Schools		✓	✓
IDEA/Students With Disabilities	✓	✓	✓
School Choice			

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
School Infrastructure	✓	✓	
School Transportation		✓	
School Violence	✓	✓	
STEM Education			
Teacher Pay	✓	✓	
Teacher/Leader Diversity	✓	✓	
Title I	✓	✓	
Professional Development for Educators	✓		
Arts Education		✓	✓
Early Childhood	✓	✓	
Rural Education		✓	
Student Athletes			
Other			
Office of Civil Rights		✓	
Funding Sources		✓	
Private Investment	✓		
Health and Wellness	✓		✓
Workforce Training	✓	✓	
Civic Engagement			✓
Credentials			
Research and Data	✓		
Unions		✓	

Details by Topic

Community

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Mental Health			I will push to close the mental health provider gap in schools so that every school has access to the staff necessary to support students.

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Foster Care			Only in terms of Title I funding, no specific discussion

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
After-School/ Summer Learning		Students who regularly attend after-school programs have better attendance, grades, and behavior in school; better peer relations and emotional adjustment; and lower incidence of drug-use, violence, and unintended pregnancy. Numerous studies have shown that these benefits make afterschool programs a positive return on investment, saving taxpayer dollars over time. After-school/summer programs also alleviate a major burden on working families. These programs work for children, families and communities. We should expand the number of programs in order to meet the need. For every child now in an after-school program, two more are waiting to get in. Bernie has a better idea. As president, he will spend \$5 billion annually to substantially expand access to summer and after-school programs, teen centers and tutoring.	The Warren Administration will have the goal of helping 25,000 public schools transition to the community school framework by 2030. This plan includes after-school programming

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Child Care		Spend \$1.5 trillion over 10 years to offer children guaranteed free child care and pre-K spots in their communities, supervised by fairly paid professionals. We will guarantee free, universal childcare and prekindergarten to every child in America to help level the playing field, create new and good jobs, and enable parents to more easily balance the demands of work and home.	Expand access to early childhood services and education: My plan for Universal Child Care and Early Learning will provide high-quality child care and early learning to 12 million kids across the country. As part of a comprehensive early childhood education system, I will ensure all children can attend free high-quality universal pre-K. That means pre-K teachers who are prepared, supported, and compensated fairly, and program alignment to K-3, ensuring that every child is ready for Day 1 of kindergarten and beyond.

Higher Education

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Title IX/ Sexual Violence		<p>Our schools must be safe for all students. We must ensure LGBTQ students can attend school without fear of bullying, and work to substantially reduce suicides. Pass the Safe Schools Improvement Act and the Student Non-Discrimination Act into law to protect the rights of LGBTQ students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Protect students from harassment, discrimination, and violence in educational institutions by protecting and enforcing Title IX. * Enact comprehensive gun violence prevention laws to end the epidemic of gun violence in this country and in our schools. * Ensure that immigrant children and their parents are free from harassment and surveillance at school, regardless of their immigration status. 	

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Private Lenders	<p>Biden will enact legislation permitting the discharge of private student loans in bankruptcy. In addition, the Biden Administration will empower the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to take action against private lenders who are misleading students about their options and do not provide an affordable payment plan when individuals are experiencing acute periods of financial hardship.</p>		

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
College Accountability	<p>The Biden Administration will require for-profits to first prove their value to the U.S. Department of Education before gaining eligibility for federal aid. The Biden Administration will also return to the Obama-Biden Borrower’s Defense Rule, forgiving the debt held by individuals who were deceived by the worst for-profit college or career profiteers. President Biden will enact legislation eliminating the so-called 90/10 loophole that gives for-profit schools an incentive to enroll veterans and servicemembers in programs that aren’t delivering results.</p>		<p>Ban for-profit colleges from receiving any federal dollars (including military benefits and federal student loans), so they can no longer use taxpayer dollars to enrich themselves while targeting lower-income students, service members, and students of color and leaving them saddled with debt.</p> <p>Make additional federal funding available to states that demonstrate substantial improvement in enrollment and graduation rates for lower-income students and students of color. Require public colleges to complete an annual audit that identifies issues creating shortfalls in enrollment and graduation rates for lower-income students and students of color and that proposes steps to improve those rates. Prohibit public colleges from considering citizenship status or criminal history in admissions decisions."</p>

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
College Affordability	<p>Provide 2 years of community college or other high-quality training program without debt for any hard-working individual looking to learn and improve their skills to keep up with the changing nature of work. Biden will build on this progress of free community college programs by enacting legislation to ensure that every hard-working individual, including those attending school part-time and DREAMers, can go to community college for up to 2 years without having to pay tuition. Individuals will also be able to use these funds to pursue training programs that have a track record of participants completing their programs and securing good jobs. Importantly, this initiative will not just be for recent high school graduates but also for adults who never had the chance to pursue additional education beyond high school or who need to learn new skills. This plan will be a federal-state partnership, with the federal government covering 75% of the cost and states contributing the remaining obligation.</p>	<p>Make public colleges, universities, and trade schools free for all. *Pass the College for All Act to provide at least \$48 billion per year to eliminate tuition and fees at 4-year public colleges and universities, tribal colleges, community colleges, trade schools, and apprenticeship programs. Everyone deserves the right to a good higher education if they choose to pursue it, no matter their income. *Require participating states and tribes to cover the full cost of obtaining a degree for low-income students (normally those with a family income of less than \$25,000) by covering any gap that may still exist after we eliminate tuition, fees, and grants. *In addition, we will match any additional spending from states and tribes that reduces the cost of attending school at a dollar for dollar rate. This funding goes beyond closing the cost gap—participating states and tribes could use this money to hire additional faculty, ensure professors get professional development opportunities, and increase students’ access.</p>	<p>Loan forgiveness of up to \$50,000 for families making less than \$250,000 a year; universal free public college</p>

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
College Homelessness/Hunger			<p>Loan forgiveness of up to \$50,000 for families making less than \$250,000 a year; universal free public college; introduced a bill that would expand SNAP benefits for low-income college students</p>

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Community Colleges	<p>Creating a new grant program to assist community colleges in improving their students’ success. The Biden Administration will support community colleges implementing evidence-based practices and innovative solutions to increase their students’ retention and completion. The community college initiative will be a first-dollar program, meaning that students will be able to use their Pell grants, state aid, and other aid to help them cover expenses beyond tuition and fees. In addition, the Biden plan will give states financial incentives to foster collaboration between community colleges and community-based organizations to provide wraparound support services for students, especially veterans, single parents, low-income students, students of color, and students with disabilities.</p> <p>Invest in community college facilities and technology. Biden will invest \$8 billion to help community colleges improve the health and safety of their facilities, and equip their schools with new technology that will empower their students to succeed.</p>	<p>Make public colleges, universities, and trade schools free for all (see college affordability)</p>	<p>Will eliminate the cost of tuition and fees at every public 2-year and 4-year college in America. The federal government will partner with states to split the costs of tuition and fees and ensure that states maintain their current levels of funding on need-based financial aid and academic instruction.</p>

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
GI Benefits/ Military Transition	President Biden will build and convene coalitions of experts and advocates to ensure that veterans and their family members were empowered to make informed decisions regarding their education and, in turn, ensure that programs educating them met high-quality standards. He'll also strengthen the GI Bill Comparison Tool and School Feedback Tool to put an end to postsecondary institutions' predatory practices.		I've fought to expand eligibility for educational benefits, including by working to provide Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits for Purple Heart recipients who were not previously eligible, and expanding the Yellow Ribbon education program to cover families of fallen service members.

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Higher Ed Degree Completion	Create a "Title I for postsecondary education" to help students at under-resourced 4-year schools complete their degrees. Biden will establish a new grant program to support under-resourced 4-year schools that serve large numbers of Pell-eligible students. The funds will be used to foster collaboration between colleges and community-based organizations to provide wraparound support services for students, especially veterans, single parents, low-income students, students of color, and students with disabilities. These funds can be used to help colleges create emergency grant programs for students who experience an unexpected financial challenge that threatens their ability to stay enrolled. The Biden Administration will provide grants to states that work to accelerate students' attainment of credentials, including bachelor's degrees, while still ensuring quality and accountability. Biden will challenge more communities to expand on these accelerated pathways and create a seamless transition between high school, community college, other job training, and 4-year programs.	Eliminate barriers to college-readiness exams by ensuring states cover fees for the ACT, SAT and other college preparatory exams for all students. Double funding for the TRIO Programs and increase funding for the GEAR UP Program so more low-income students, students with disabilities, and first-generation students can attend and graduate college with a degree. By increasing our investment in these programs, we will reach 1.5 million students through TRIO programs and more than 100,000 additional students through GEAR UP than the program reaches today.	

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Pell Grants	Biden will invest in and allow Pell grants to be used for dual enrollment programs, so high school students can take classes at a community college and earn college credits or a credential prior to graduating from high school. Biden will double the maximum value of the Pell grant, a level of investment experts say is necessary to close the gap between the rich and poor so that everyone has the opportunity to receive an education beyond high school, and will automatically increase the value based on inflation. Doubling the maximum value of Pell grants will increase the grant value for individuals already eligible for Pell and, given the program's formula for determining eligibility, expand the benefits of Pell to more middle class Americans. Biden will also take care of young immigrants by ensuring DREAMers are eligible for financial aid if they meet other requirements for that aid. He will restore formerly incarcerated individuals' eligibility for Pell.	Provide Pell Grants to low-income students to cover the non-tuition and fee costs of school, including: housing, books, supplies, transportation, and other costs of living.	

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Minority-Serving Institutions	<p>Make HBCUs, TCUs, and underresourced MSIs more affordable for their students. The Biden plan will invest \$18 billion in grants to these 4-year schools, equivalent to up to 2 years of tuition per low-income and middle-class student, including DREAMers and students who transfer to a 4-year HBCU, TCU, or MSI from a tuition-free community college. Schools must invest in lowering costs, improving retention and graduation rates, and closing equity gaps year over year for students of color.</p> <p>Biden will ensure all HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs have access to low-cost federal capital financing programs and will work with states to ensure they can take advantage of these programs. He will work to incentivize further public, private, and philanthropic investments in school infrastructure.</p> <p>Provide support to continuously improve the value of HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs by investing \$10 billion in programs that increase enrollment, retention, completion, and employment rates. These programs may include partnerships with high schools, other universities, and employers; evidence-based remedial courses; academic and career advising services; and investing in wages, benefits, and professional development and benefits to recruit and retain faculty, including teacher residencies.</p> <p>Reduce disparities in funding for HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs. Biden will require federal agencies and states to publish reports of their allocation of federal funding to colleges and universities. When inequities exist between HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs and similar non-HBCU, TCU, MSI colleges, federal agencies and states will be required to publish robust rationale and show improvements in eliminating disparities. To ensure funding is more equitably distributed, Biden will require that competitive grant programs make similar universities compete against each other.</p>	<p>Establish a dedicated fund to create and expand teacher-training programs at HBCUs, MSIs, and tribal colleges and universities to increase educator diversity.</p> <p>*Provide \$1.3 billion to private, nonprofit HBCUs and MSIs per year to eliminate or significantly reduce tuition and fees. This funding would support 200 schools serving at least 35% low-income students.</p> <p>*Make all public and private HBCUs, tribal colleges, and many MSIs tuition-free</p> <p>*Invest \$10 billion to create and expand HBCU medical, dental, and teacher training graduate programs</p> <p>*Invest \$5 billion in HBCU infrastructure grants and cancel all institutional HBCU loan debt from the Capital Financing Program</p> <p>*Double Title III and Title V funds to decrease the funding gap between HBCUs and MSIs and predominantly White institutions</p> <p>*Issue an Executive Order that strengthens the White House Initiative on HBCUs to eliminate racial disparities</p>	

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Public Service Loan Forgiveness	<p>Biden will see to it that the existing Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program is fixed, simplified, and actually helps teachers. Biden will create a new, simple program that offers \$10,000 of undergraduate or graduate student debt relief for every year of national or community service, up to 5 years. Individuals working in schools, government, and other nonprofit settings will be automatically enrolled in this forgiveness program; up to 5 years of prior national or community service will also qualify.</p> <p>Additionally, Biden will fix the existing Public Service Loan Forgiveness program by securing passage of the What You Can Do For Your Country Act of 2019.</p> <p>Biden will ensure adjunct professors are eligible for this loan forgiveness, depending on the amount of time devoted to teaching.</p>		

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School Loans	<p>More than halve payments on undergraduate federal student loans by simplifying and increasing the generosity of today's income-based repayment program. Under the Biden plan, individuals making \$25,000 or less per year will not owe any payments on their undergraduate federal student loans and also won't accrue any interest on those loans. Everyone else will pay 5% of their discretionary income (income minus taxes and essential spending like housing and food) over \$25,000 toward their loans. This plan will save millions of Americans thousands of dollars a year. After 20 years, the remainder of the loans for people who have responsibly made payments through the program will be 100% forgiven. Individuals with new and existing loans will all be automatically enrolled in the income-based repayment program, with the opportunity to opt out if they wish.</p> <p>Biden will also change the tax code so that debt forgiven through the income-based repayment plan won't be taxed.</p>	<p>Cancel the entire \$1.6 trillion in outstanding student debt for the 45 million borrowers who are weighed down by the crushing burden of student debt. This will save around \$3,000 a year for the average student loan borrower. Then, 73% of the benefits of cancelling all student debt will go to the bottom 80% of Americans who are making less than \$127,000 a year.</p> <p>Place a cap on student loan interest rates going forward. The federal government shouldn't make billions of dollars in profit off of student loans while students are drowning in debt. We should invest in young Americans—not leverage their futures. Today, the average interest rate on undergraduate student loans is more than 5%. Under this proposal, we will cap student loan interest rates at 1.88%.</p>	

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Educator Workforce Development/Preparation	<p>To maintain our competitiveness, our current system of K-12 education is essential but no longer sufficient. The Biden Administration will invest in school vocational training and partnerships between high schools, community colleges, and employers. These partnerships will create programs that allow students to earn an industry credential upon high school graduation, a credential that readies them for a good-paying career. Career and technical education can also be used to increase access to middle and high school courses in computer science so that students learn computational thinking and are prepared to lead in fields such as virtual reality and artificial intelligence.</p>		<p>Provide funding for schools to increase pay and support for all public school educators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Strengthen the ability of teachers, paraprofessionals, and staff to organize and bargain for just compensation, for a voice in education policy, and for greater investment in public education. *Ensure that anyone can become a teacher without drowning in debt. *Build a more diverse educator and school leadership pipeline. *Support "Grow Your Own" teacher education programs.

K-12

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Desegregation	<p>Biden will reinstate Department of Education guidance that supported schools in legally pursuing desegregation strategies and recognized institutions of higher education’s interests in creating diverse student bodies. He will provide grants to school districts to create plans and implement strategies to diversify their schools.</p>	<p>Combat racial discrimination and school segregation: *Build on the Strength in Diversity Act to increase, not cut, federal funding for community-driven strategies to desegregate schools. *Execute and enforce desegregation orders and appoint federal judges who will enforce the 1964 Civil Rights Act in school systems.</p>	<p>Integrated schools improve educational outcomes for students of all races. And integrated schools are demanded by our Constitution’s guarantee of equal protection to every person in this country. In a Warren Administration, we will achieve this goal. * Housing * Revive the OCR at Dept. of Ed. * Title I funding for integration programs * Strict scrutiny of "breakaway" districts * Improve federal data collection to support better outcomes</p>

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Inequitable Funding Systems	<p>States without a sufficient and equitable finance system will be required to match a share of federal funds.</p>	<p>In America today, most school districts are funded out of local property tax revenue, resulting in unconscionable inequalities. The federal government, by conditioning funding on standardized test scores, has worsened the disparities between school districts and among states. Since school districts are funded out of local property taxes, less is invested in the education of children from low-income families compared with their more affluent peers. In America, the quality of a child’s education should not and cannot depend on their zip code. *Provide schools with the resources needed to shrink class sizes. *Increase funding for public magnet schools to \$1 billion annually to help integrate our schools. *Rethink the link between property taxes and education funding. *Establish a national per-pupil spending floor.</p>	<p>It starts by quadrupling Title I funding —an additional \$450 billion over the next 10 years—to help ensure that all children get a high-quality public education. We need to ensure that federal funds reach students and schools that need it most. I’m committed to working with public education leaders and school finance experts to improve the way the federal government allocates this new Title I funding. I would impose transparency requirements so that we can understand what investments work best and adapt our approach accordingly. I’m also committed to using this new federal investment to press states to adopt better funding approaches themselves. I would condition access to this additional Title I funding on states chipping in more funding, adopting more progressive funding formulas, and actually allocating funding consistently with these new formulas. This would ensure that both the federal government and state governments do their part to progressively and equitably fund public schools while still ensuring that no child gets less per-student funding than they do today.</p>

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Native Education		<p>Ensure schools in rural communities, indigenous communities, Puerto Rico and other U.S. Territories receive equitable funding.</p>	

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LGBTQ Students		<p>Our schools must be safe for all students. Period. It is disgusting that our children must face the terrifying reality of being at risk of being killed in their own schools, and that school districts must resort to measures like this to try to keep kids safe. We must ensure LGBTQ students can attend school without fear of bullying, and work to substantially reduce suicides.</p> <p>*Pass the Safe Schools Improvement Act and the Student Non-Discrimination Act into law to protect the rights of LGBTQ students.</p> <p>*Protect students from harassment, discrimination, and violence in educational institutions by protecting and enforcing Title IX.</p> <p>*Enact comprehensive gun violence prevention laws to end the epidemic of gun violence in this country and in our schools.</p> <p>*Ensure that immigrant children and their parents are free from harassment and surveillance at school, regardless of their immigration status.</p>	

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Racism/ Funding Gaps/ Inequity	<p>Systemic racism is persistent across our institutions today—including in our schools—and must be addressed. President Biden will make sure that no child’s education opportunity is determined by their zip code, parents’ income, race, or disability. Invest in our schools to eliminate the funding gap between White and non-White districts, and rich and poor districts. Biden will create a new competitive program challenging local communities to reinvent high school to meet these changing demands of work. This funding will be targeted first toward building the best schools in the country in low-income communities and communities of color.</p>		

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Home Visits	<p>President Biden will double funding for home visiting so more families benefit from this program every year. Families may receive coaching on preventive health and prenatal practices, learn how to care for their babies and about important child development milestones and behaviors, receive breastfeeding support, get connected to employment and child care, and receive general support in navigating the often-stressful early stages of parenthood.</p>		

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Child Poverty		<p>In America today, 1 in every 6 kids goes hungry. Instead of addressing this crisis, students with lunch debt are sometimes denied meals, have debt collectors sent after their families, and are even denied their diplomas. Unacceptable. It is not a radical idea that no child in this country should go hungry. We must ensure that all students have access to healthy school meals. As president, Bernie Sanders will fight to:</p> <p>*Provide year-round, free universal school meals; breakfast, lunch and snacks through our school meals programs and offer incentives for sourcing food from local sources.</p> <p>*Expand Summer EBT across the country to ensure no student goes hungry during the summer.</p>	<p>Quadrupling Title I funding—an additional \$450 billion over the next 10 years—to help ensure that all children get a high-quality public education. But we need to do more than just increase funding. We also need to ensure that federal funds are reaching the students and schools that need it most. That’s why I’m committed to working with public education leaders and school finance experts to improve the way the federal government allocates this new Title I funding. And I would impose transparency requirements on this new funding so that we can understand what investments work best and adapt our approach accordingly.</p>

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Community Schools	<p>Community schools work with families, students, teachers and community organizations to identify families’ unmet needs and then develop a plan to leverage community resources to address these needs in the school building, turning schools into community hubs. Biden will expand this model, providing this wraparound support for an additional 300,000 students and their families.</p>	<p>Our public schools can and should be more than just places where children learn—they can be community centers that build the health and well-being of students. We must act to transform our education system into a high-quality public good that connects education, health, and social-services to young people. A strong investment in sustainable community school programs can help us achieve that. President Trump has proposed eliminating funding for community school programs. As president, Bernie Sanders will provide \$5 billion in annual funding for sustainable community schools to provide a holistic, full-service approach to learning and the wellbeing of our young people. By transforming our schools into sustainable community schools, we can provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Health and support services including dental care, mental health care, and substance abuse prevention *Community and youth organizing *Community goods and services such as job training classes, art spaces, GED, and ESL classes. 	<p>The Warren Administration will have the goal of helping 25,000 public schools transition to the community school framework by 2030. Community schools are hubs of their community. Through school coordinators, they connect students and families with community partners to provide opportunities, support, and services inside and outside of the school. These schools center around wraparound services, family and community engagement, after-school programs and expanded learning time, and collaborative leadership structures. Studies show that every dollar invested in community schools generates up to \$15 in economic return to the community.</p>

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Discipline Disparity/ School-to-Prison Pipeline		<p>Address disciplinary practices in schools that disproportionately affect Black and Brown children.</p>	<p>End zero-tolerance discipline policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Establish more School-Based Health Centers: *Expand the implementation of comprehensive, culturally relevant curriculum and Social Emotional Learning *Provide better access to career and college readiness *Address absenteeism WITH parents and students without punishing them

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
English Language Learners/ Bilingualism		<p>Increase access to English as a Second Language instruction.</p>	<p>Warren will push to fully fund the Teacher Quality Partnership program to support teacher residency programs in high-need areas, like rural communities, and in areas of expertise like Special Education and Bilingual Education.</p>

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Expanding Rigorous Coursework	<p>This new funding from tripling Title I will be used to expand rigorous coursework (Emphasized as priority in Title I Funding increase)</p>		<p>Rigorous, culturally relevant, identity-affirming curriculum can increase attendance and academic success of students.</p>

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
For-Profit/Private Schools		<p>Ban for-profit charter schools and support the NAACP’s moratorium on public funds for charter school expansion until a national audit has been completed to determine the impact of charter growth. That means halting the use of public funds to underwrite new charter schools. We do not need two schools systems; we need to invest in our public schools system. Existing charter schools must be made accountable by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Mandating that charter schools comply with the same oversight requirements as public schools *Mandating that at least half of all charter school boards are teachers and parents *Disclosing student attrition rates, non-public funding sources, financial interests and other relevant data *Matching employment practices at charters with neighboring district schools, including standards set by collective bargaining agreements and restrictions on CEO pay *Supporting the efforts of charter school teachers to unionize and bringing charter schools to the negotiating table 	Ban them

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
School Infrastructure	<p>President Biden will include in federal infrastructure legislation funding specifically for improving public school buildings. First and foremost, these funds will be used to address health risks. Additional funds will be used to build cutting-edge, energy-efficient, innovative schools with technology and labs to prepare our students for the jobs of the future.</p> <p>Biden will invest \$20 billion in infrastructure for HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs to build the physical research facilities and labs urgently needed to deliver on the country’s research and development, to update and modernize deteriorating facilities, including by strengthening the Historic Preservation program, and to create new space for increasing enrollments, especially at HSIs.</p>	<p>Schools across urban and rural America are crumbling. A 2014 study found that at least 53% of the nation’s schools need immediate repair. At least 2.3 million students, mostly in rural communities, attend schools without high-speed internet access. Teachers are paid starvation wages and schools across underserved urban and rural parts of our country are crumbling. Stories abound about heating systems giving out in the winter, ceilings leaking during storms and mold accumulating in plain sight. That is unacceptable and has got to change. Sanders will fully close the gap in school infrastructure funding to renovate, modernize, and green the nation’s schools.</p>	

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
IDEA/Students With Disabilities	<p>IDEA, signed into law in 1990, promised to provide 40% of the extra cost of special education required by the bill. Currently, the federal government only covers roughly 14% of this cost, failing to live up to our commitment. The Biden Administration will fully fund this obligation within 10 years.</p>	<p>The IDEA helps about 6.5 million children with disabilities, but because of a chronic lack of funding there is a shortage of special education teachers and physical and speech therapists, and the turnover rate among them is incredibly high.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Provide mandatory funding to ensure that the federal government provides at least 50 percent of the funding for special education. *Guarantee children with disabilities an equal right to high-quality education by enforcing the Americans with Disabilities Act. *Increase educational opportunities for persons with disabilities, including an expansion in career and technical education opportunities to prepare students for good-paying community employment. *Address the shortage in special education teacher recruitment, training opportunities, workload and pay for special education teachers. *Triple Title I funding to ensure students with disabilities are able to get quality education regardless of the zip code they live in. 	<p>I’ll make good on the federal government’s original 40% funding promise by committing an additional \$20 billion a year to IDEA grants. I will also expand IDEA funding for 3- to 5-year-olds and for early intervention services for toddlers and infants.</p>

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School Transportation		Fund school transportation to help integration, ending the absurd prohibitions in place.	

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
School Violence	Biden knows that arming teachers isn't the answer; instead, we need rational gun laws. As President, he will secure passage of gun legislation to make our students safer, and he knows he can do it because he's defeated the National Rifle Association twice before. He'll begin by again championing legislation to ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines—bans he authored in 1994. In the months ahead, he will release additional proposals to address the gun violence epidemic in our country.	Make schools safe and inclusive by protecting the rights of all students from harassment, discrimination, and violence and enacting comprehensive gun violence prevention laws.	

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Teacher Pay	This new funding form tripling Title I will first be used to ensure teachers at Title I schools are paid competitively. (Emphasized as priority in Title I Funding increase)	Significantly increase teacher pay by working with states to set a starting salary for teachers at no less than \$60,000 tied to cost of living, years of service, and other qualifications and allowing states to go beyond that floor based on geographic cost of living. *End racial and gender disparities in teacher pay. *Ensure professional development for all teachers, including continuing education and mentorship programs. *Protect and expand collective bargaining rights and teacher tenure. *Triple the above-the-line tax deduction for educator expenses and index it to inflation to reimburse teachers for the nearly \$500 on average in out-of-pocket classroom expenses each year. *Create a grant program to provide teachers with funds explicitly meant for classroom materials. *Empower teachers to provide a teacher-supported curriculum that gives students the best possible education.	

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Teacher/Leader Diversity	Biden will support more innovative approaches to recruiting teachers of color, including supporting high school students in accessing dual-enrollment classes that give them an edge in teacher preparation programs, helping paraprofessionals work towards their teaching certificate, and working with HBCUs and other MSIs to recruit and prepare teachers. Expand career pathways for graduates of HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs in areas that meet national priorities, including building a diverse pipeline of public school teachers. Biden will invest \$5 billion in graduate programs in teaching, health care, and STEM and will develop robust internship and career pipelines at major research agencies, including Department of Energy National Laboratories, National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and the Department of Defense.	See Teacher Pay	

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Title I	Biden will triple funding for Title I, the federal program funding schools with a high percentage of students from low-income families, and require districts to use these funds to offer educators competitive salaries and make other critical investments prior to directing the funds to other purposes. Triple the money the federal government sends to low-income schools and districts from about \$16 billion per year to about \$48 billion.	Triple Title I funding to ensure at-risk schools get the funding they need and end funding penalties for schools that attempt to desegregate.	

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Professional Development for Educators	The Biden Administration will help school districts create opportunities for teachers to lead beyond the classroom. Teachers will be able to serve as mentors and coaches to other teachers and as leaders of professional learning communities and will be compensated for that additional work they take on.		

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Arts Education		Give schools the funding needed to support arts, foreign language and music education to provide all students with important learning opportunities.	Invest an additional \$100 billion over 10 years in “Excellence Grants” to any public school. These funds can be used to restore after-school arts programs. Plans to eliminate high-stakes testing and encourage schools to use the time spent in test prep at least partially on arts. We should invest more in curricula that engage all students across a wide array of subject areas like the arts.

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Early Childhood	New funding from tripling Title I will be used to increase access to pre-school. As President, Biden will work with states to offer pre-K for all 3- and 4-year-olds. This investment will ease the burden on our families, help close the achievement gap, promote the labor participation of parents who want to work, and lift our critical early childhood education workforce out of poverty. (Emphasized as priority in Title I Funding increase)		Spend \$1.5 trillion over 10 years to offer children guaranteed free child care and pre-K spots in their communities, supervised by fairly paid professionals. As president, we will guarantee free, universal childcare and pre-K to every child in America to help level the playing field, create new and good jobs, and enable parents more easily balance the demands of work and home.

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Rural Education		Ensure schools in rural communities, indigenous communities, Puerto Rico and other U.S. Territories receive equitable funding.	

Other

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Office of Civil Rights		Fully fund the Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights and remove current protocols that allow for arbitrary dismissal of complaints.	

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Funding Sources		We can guarantee higher education as a right for all and cancel all student debt for an estimated \$2.2 trillion. To pay for this, we will impose a tax of a fraction of a percent on Wall Street speculators who nearly destroyed the economy a decade ago. This Wall Street speculation tax will raise \$2.4 trillion over the next 10 years. It works by placing a 0.5% tax on stock trades—50 cents on every \$100 of stock—a 0.1% fee on bond trades, and a 0.005% fee on derivative trades.	

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Private Investment	Biden recognizes the critical role low-endowment private colleges and universities play in providing educational opportunities and jobs in many rural communities. As president, he will establish an innovation competitive grant fund for these institutions, giving them additional funds to invest in increasing graduation rates; closing ethnic, racial, and income disparities; and increasing career outcomes for low-income students, students of color, first-generation students, and students with disabilities.		

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Health and Wellness	President Biden will provide funds to ensure that there is an early childhood development expert in every community health center. He will also provide grants to help cities place early childhood development experts in other pediatrician offices with a high percentage of Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program patients. These experts, as part of the primary care team, will help identify whether children are reaching development milestones, help connect families to additional services like home visiting when needed, and answer parents’ questions regarding child development.		Establish more School-Based Health Centers

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Civic Engagement			We should invest more in curricula that engage all students across a wide array of subject areas like the arts, STEM, civics, and health, including evidence-based inclusive sex ed. Schools have eliminated critical courses that are not subject to federally mandated testing, like social studies and the arts.

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Workforce Training	<p>Make a \$50 billion investment in workforce training, including community-college business partnerships and apprenticeships. These funds will create and support partnerships between community colleges, businesses, unions, state, local, and tribal governments, universities, and high schools to identify in-demand knowledge and skills in a community and develop or modernize training programs—which could be as short as a few months or as long as 2 years—that lead to a relevant, high-demand industry-recognized credential.</p> <p>Biden will work to reform federal work study programs to ensure that more of these funds place students in roles where they are either learning skills valuable for their intended careers, or contributing to their communities by mentoring students in K-12 classrooms and community centers.</p>	<p>Provide \$5 billion annually for career and technical education to give our students the skills they need to thrive once they graduate.</p> <p>Triple funding for the Work-Study Program. By tripling funding for this program, we can build valuable career experiences for students that will help them after they graduate. Today, this program provides about \$1,760 per year to some 700,000 students. When we are in the White House, we will expand the program to reach at least 2.1 million students—a 1.4 million student increase. And we will ensure that funding targets schools that have large low-income student enrollment.</p>	

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Research and Data	<p>The Biden Administration will invest \$10 billion to create at least 200 new centers of excellence that serve as research incubators and connect students underrepresented in fields critical to our nation’s future—including fields tackling climate change, globalization, inequality, health disparities, and cancer—to learning and career opportunities. Biden will also dedicate additional and increased priority funding streams at federal agencies for grants and contracts for HBCUs and MSIs. And, he will require any federal research grants to universities with an endowment of over \$1 billion to form a meaningful partnership and enter into a 10% minimum subcontract with an HBCU, TCU, or MSI.</p>		

	Biden	Sanders	Warren
Unions		<p>Significantly increase teacher pay by working with states to set a starting salary for teachers at no less than \$60,000 tied to cost of living, years of service, and other qualifications and allowing states to go beyond that floor based on geographic cost of living.</p>	

Biden

Higher Education	
Private Lenders	Biden will enact this legislation permitting the discharge of private student loans in bankruptcy. In addition, the Biden Administration will empower the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to take action against private lenders who are misleading students about their options and do not provide an affordable payment plan when individuals are experiencing acute periods of financial hardship.
College Accountability	The Biden Administration will require for-profits to first prove their value to the U.S. Department of Education before gaining eligibility for federal aid. The Biden Administration will also return to the Obama-Biden Borrower’s Defense Rule, forgiving the debt held by individuals who were deceived by the worst for-profit college or career profiteers. Finally, President Biden will enact legislation eliminating the so-called 90/10 loophole that gives for-profit schools an incentive to enroll veterans and servicemembers in programs that aren’t delivering results.
College Affordability	Provide 2 years of community college or other high-quality training program without debt for any hard-working individual looking to learn and improve their skills to keep up with the changing nature of work. Biden will build on this progress of free community college programs by enacting legislation to ensure that every hard-working individual, including those attending school part-time and DREAMers, can go to community college for up to two years without having to pay tuition. Individuals will also be able to use these funds to pursue training programs that have a track record of participants completing their programs and securing good jobs. Importantly, this initiative will not just be for recent high school graduates; it will also be available to adults who never had the chance to pursue additional education beyond high school or who need to learn new skills. This plan will be a federal–state partnership, with the federal government covering 75% of the cost and states contributing the remaining obligation.
Community Colleges	Creating a new grant program to assist community colleges in improving their students’ success. The Biden Administration will support community colleges implementing evidence-based practices and innovative solutions to increase their students’ retention and completion. The community college initiative will be a first-dollar program, meaning that students will be able to use their Pell grants, state aid, and other aid to help them cover expenses beyond tuition and fees. In addition, the Biden plan will give states financial incentives to foster collaboration between community colleges and community-based organizations to provide wraparound support services for students, especially veterans, single parents, low-income students, students of color, and students with disabilities. Invest in community college facilities and technology. Biden will invest \$8 billion to help community colleges improve the health and safety of their facilities, and equip their schools with new technology that will empower their students to succeed.
GI Benefits/Military Transition	President Biden will build and convene coalitions of experts and advocates to ensure that veterans and their family members were empowered to make informed decisions regarding their education and, in turn, ensure that programs educating them met high quality standards. He’ll also strengthen the GI Bill Comparison Tool and School Feedback Tool to put an end to postsecondary institutions’ predatory practices.

<p>Higher Ed Degree Completion</p>	<p>Create a “Title I for postsecondary education” to help students at underresourced 4-year schools complete their degrees. Biden will establish a new grant program to support under-resourced four-year schools that serve large numbers of Pell-eligible students. The funds will be used to foster collaboration between colleges and community-based organizations to provide wraparound support services for students, especially veterans, single parents, low-income students, students of color, and students with disabilities. These funds can be used to help colleges create emergency grant programs for students who experience an unexpected financial challenge that threatens their ability to stay enrolled.</p> <p>The Biden Administration will provide grants to states that work to accelerate students’ attainment of credentials, including bachelor’s degrees, while still ensuring quality and accountability. Biden will challenge more communities to expand on these accelerated pathways and create a seamless transition between high school, community college, other job training, and 4-year programs.</p>
<p>Minority-Serving Institutions</p>	<p>Make HBCUs, TCUs, and under-resourced MSIs more affordable for their students. The Biden plan will invest \$18 billion in grants to these 4-year schools, equivalent to up to 2 years of tuition per low-income and middle-class student, including DREAMers and students who transfer to a 4-year HBCU, TCU, or MSI from a tuition-free community college. Schools must invest in lowering costs, improving retention and graduation rates, and closing equity gaps year over year for students of color.</p> <p>Biden will ensure all HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs have access to low-cost federal capital financing programs and will work with states to ensure they can take advantage of these programs. And, he will work to incentivize further public, private, and philanthropic investments in school infrastructure.</p> <p>Provide support to continuously improve the value of HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs by investing \$10 billion in programs that increase enrollment, retention, completion, and employment rates. These programs may include partnerships with both high schools, other universities, and employers; evidence-based remedial courses; academic and career advising services; and investing in wages, benefits, and professional development and benefits to recruit and retain faculty, including teacher residencies.</p> <p>Reduce disparities in funding for HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs. Biden will require federal agencies and states to publish reports of their allocation of federal funding to colleges and universities. When inequities exist between HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs and similar non-HBCU, TCU, MSI colleges, federal agencies and states will be required to publish robust rationale and show improvements in eliminating disparities. To ensure funding is more equitably distributed, Biden will require that competitive grant programs make similar universities compete against each other.</p>
<p>Pell Grants</p>	<p>Biden will invest in and allow Pell grants to be used for dual enrollment programs, so high school students can take classes at a community college and earn college credits or a credential prior to graduating from high school. Biden will double the maximum value of the Pell grant, a level of investment experts say is necessary to close the gap between the rich and poor so that everyone has the opportunity to receive an education beyond high school, and will automatically increase the value based on inflation. Doubling the maximum value of Pell grants will increase the grant value for individuals already eligible for Pell and, given the program’s formula for determining eligibility, expand the benefits of Pell to more middle-class Americans. Biden will also take care of young immigrants by ensuring DREAMers are eligible for financial aid if they meet other requirements for that aid. And, he will restore formerly incarcerated individuals’ eligibility for Pell.</p>

<p>Public Service Loan Forgiveness</p>	<p>Biden will see to it that the existing Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program is fixed, simplified, and actually helps teachers. Biden will create a new, simple program that offers \$10,000 of undergraduate or graduate student debt relief for every year of national or community service, up to 5 years. Individuals working in schools, government, and other nonprofit settings will be automatically enrolled in this forgiveness program; up to 5 years of prior national or community service will also qualify. Additionally, Biden will fix the existing Public Service Loan Forgiveness program by securing passage of the What You Can Do For Your Country Act of 2019. Biden will ensure adjunct professors are eligible for this loan forgiveness, depending on the amount of time devoted to teaching.</p>
<p>School Loans</p>	<p>More than halve payments on undergraduate federal student loans by simplifying and increasing the generosity of today’s income-based repayment program. Under the Biden plan, individuals making \$25,000 or less per year will not owe any payments on their undergraduate federal student loans and also won’t accrue any interest on those loans. Everyone else will pay 5% of their discretionary income (income minus taxes and essential spending like housing and food) over \$25,000 toward their loans. This plan will save millions of Americans thousands of dollars a year. After 20 years, the remainder of the loans for people who have responsibly made payments through the program will be 100% forgiven. Individuals with new and existing loans will all be automatically enrolled in the income-based repayment program, with the opportunity to opt out if they wish. Biden will also change the tax code so that debt forgiven through the income-based repayment plan won’t be taxed.</p>
<p>Educator Workforce Development/Preparation</p>	<p>In order to maintain our competitiveness, our current system of K-12 education is essential but no longer sufficient. The Biden Administration will invest in school vocational training and partnerships between high schools, community colleges, and employers. These partnerships will create programs that allow students to earn an industry credential upon high school graduation, a credential that readies them for a good-paying career. Career and technical education can also be used to increase access to middle- and high- school courses in computer science so that students learn computational thinking and are prepared to lead in fields such as virtual reality and artificial intelligence.</p>
<p>K-12</p>	
<p>Desegregation</p>	<p>Biden will reinstate Department of Education guidance that supported schools in legally pursuing desegregation strategies and recognized institutions of higher education’s interests in creating diverse student bodies. And, he will provide grants to school districts to create plans and implement strategies to diversify their schools.</p>
<p>Inequitable Funding Systems</p>	<p>States without a sufficient and equitable finance system will be required to match a share of federal funds.</p>
<p>Racism/ Funding Gaps/Inequity</p>	<p>Systemic racism is persistent across our institutions today—including in our schools—and must be addressed. President Biden will make sure that no child’s education opportunity is determined by their zip code, parents’ income, race, or disability. Invest in our schools to eliminate the funding gap between white and non-white districts, and rich and poor districts. Biden will create a new competitive program challenging local communities to reinvent high school to meet these changing demands of work. This funding will be targeted first toward building the best schools in the country in low-income communities and communities of color.</p>
<p>Home Visits</p>	<p>President Biden will double funding for home visiting so more families benefit from this program every year. Families may receive coaching on preventive health and prenatal practices, learn how to care for their babies and about important child development milestones and behaviors, receive breastfeeding support, get connected to employment and child care, and receive general support in navigating the often-stressful early stages of parenthood.</p>

Community Schools	Community schools work with families, students, teachers and community organizations to identify families' unmet needs and then develop a plan to leverage community resources to address these needs in the school building, turning schools into community hubs. Biden will expand this model, providing this wraparound support for an additional 300,000 students and their families.
Expanding Rigorous Coursework	This new funding form tripling Title I will be used to expand rigorous coursework (emphasized as priority in Title I Funding increase)
IDEA/Students With Disabilities	The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, signed into law in 1990, promised to provide 40% of the extra cost of special education required by the bill. Currently, the federal government only covers roughly 14% of this cost, failing to live up to our commitment. The Biden Administration will fully fund this obligation within 10 years.
School Infrastructure	President Biden will include in federal infrastructure legislation funding specifically for improving public school buildings. First and foremost, these funds will be used to address health risks. Additional funds will be used to build cutting-edge, energy-efficient, innovative schools with technology and labs to prepare our students for the jobs of the future. Biden will invest \$20 billion in infrastructure for HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs to build the physical research facilities and labs urgently needed to deliver on the country's research and development, to update and modernize deteriorating facilities, including by strengthening the Historic Preservation program, and to create new space for increasing enrollments, especially at HSIs.
School Violence	Biden knows that arming teachers isn't the answer; instead, we need rational gun laws. As President, he will secure passage of gun legislation to make our students safer, and he knows he can do it because he's defeated the National Rifle Association twice before. He'll begin by again championing legislation to ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines—bans he authored in 1994. In the months ahead, he will release additional proposals to address the gun violence epidemic in our country.
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<p style="text-align: center;">Other</p>	
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<p>Research and Data</p>	<p>The Biden Administration will invest \$10 billion to create at least 200 new centers of excellence that serve as research incubators and connect students underrepresented in fields critical to our nation’s future – including fields tackling climate change, globalization, inequality, health disparities, and cancer – to learning and career opportunities. Biden will also dedicate additional and increased priority funding streams at federal agencies for grants and contracts for HBCUs and MSIs. And, he will require any federal research grants to universities with an endowment of over \$1 billion to form a meaningful partnership and enter into a 10% minimum subcontract with an HBCU, TCU, or MSI.</p>

Sanders

Community	
After-School/ Summer Learning	<p>Students who regularly attend after-school programs have better attendance, grades, and behavior in school; better peer relations and emotional adjustment; and lower incidence of drug-use, violence, and unintended pregnancy. Numerous studies have shown that these benefits make afterschool programs a positive return on investment, saving taxpayer dollars over time. After-school/summer programs also alleviate a major burden on working families. These programs work for children, families and communities. We should expand the number of programs in order to meet the need. For every child now in an after-school program, two more are waiting to get in. Bernie has a better idea. As president, he will spend \$5 billion annually to substantially expand access to summer and after-school programs, teen centers and tutoring.</p>
Child Care	<p>Spend \$1.5 trillion over 10 years to offer children guaranteed free child care and pre-K spots in their communities, supervised by fairly paid professionals. As president, we will guarantee free, universal childcare and pre-kindergarten to every child in America to help level the playing field, create new and good jobs, and enable parents more easily balance the demands of work and home.</p>
Higher Education	
Title IX/Sexual Violence	<p>Our schools must be safe for all students. We must ensure LGBTQ students can attend school without fear of bullying, and work to substantially reduce suicides. Pass the Safe Schools Improvement Act and the Student Non-Discrimination Act into law to protect the rights of LGBTQ students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Protect students from harassment, discrimination, and violence in educational institutions by protecting and enforcing Title IX. * Enact comprehensive gun violence prevention laws to end the epidemic of gun violence in this country and in our schools. * Ensure that immigrant children and their parents are free from harassment and surveillance at school, regardless of their immigration status.
College Affordability	<p>Make Public Colleges, Universities, and Trade Schools Free for All</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pass the College for All Act to provide at least \$48 billion per year to eliminate tuition and fees at 4-year public colleges and universities, tribal colleges, community colleges, trade schools, and apprenticeship programs. Everyone deserves the right to a good higher education if they choose to pursue it, no matter their income. * Require participating states and tribes to cover the full cost of obtaining a degree for low-income students (normally those with a family income of less than \$25,000) by covering any gap that may still exist after we eliminate tuition, fees, and grants. * In addition, we will match any additional spending from states and tribes which reduces the cost of attending school at a dollar for dollar rate. This funding goes beyond closing the cost gap – participating states and tribes could use this money to hire additional faculty, ensure professors get professional development opportunities, and increase students’ access.
Community Colleges	<p>Make Public Colleges, Universities, and Trade Schools Free for All (see college affordability)</p>
Higher Ed Degree Completion	<p>Eliminate barriers to college-readiness exams by ensuring states cover fees for the ACT, SAT and other college preparatory exams for all students. Double funding for the TRIO Programs and increases funding for the GEAR UP Program so more low-income students, students with disabilities, and first-generation students can attend and graduate college with a degree. By increasing our investment in these programs, we will reach 1.5 million students through TRIO programs and more than 100,000 additional students through GEAR UP than the program reaches today.</p>

<p>Minority-Serving Institutions</p>	<p>Establish a dedicated fund to create and expand teacher-training programs at HBCUs, minority-serving institutions (MSIs) and tribal colleges and universities to increase educator diversity. *Provide \$1.3 billion to private, nonprofit HBCUs and MSIs per year to eliminate or significantly reduce tuition and fees. This funding would support some 200 schools which serve at least 35 percent low-income students. *Make all public and private HBCUs, tribal colleges, and many MSIs tuition-free *Invest \$10 billion to create and expand HBCU medical, dental, and teacher training graduate programs *Invest \$5 billion in HBCU infrastructure grants and cancel all institutional HBCU loan debt from the Capital Financing Program *Double Title III and Title V funds to decrease the funding gap between HBCUs and MSIs and predominantly white institutions *Issue an Executive Order that strengthens the White House Initiative on HBCUs to eliminate racial disparities</p>
<p>Pell Grants</p>	<p>Provide Pell Grants to low-income students to cover the non-tuition and fee costs of school, including: housing, books, supplies, transportation, and other costs of living.</p>
<p>School Loans</p>	<p>Cancel the entire \$1.6 trillion in outstanding student debt for the 45 million borrowers who are weighed down by the crushing burden of student debt. This will save around \$3,000 a year for the average student loan borrower. Seventy-three percent of the benefits of cancelling all student debt will go to the bottom 80% of Americans, who are making less than \$127,000 a year. Place a cap on student loan interest rates going forward. The federal government shouldn't make billions of dollars in profit off of student loans while students are drowning in debt. We should invest in young Americans—not leverage their futures. Today, the average interest rate on undergraduate student loans is more than 5 percent. Under this proposal, we will cap student loan interest rates at 1.88%.</p>
<p>K-12</p>	
<p>Desegregation</p>	<p>Combat racial discrimination and school segregation: * Build on the Strength in Diversity Act to increase, not cut, federal funding for community-driven strategies to desegregate schools. * Execute and enforce desegregation orders and appoint federal judges who will enforce the 1964 Civil Rights Act in school systems.</p>
<p>Inequitable Funding Systems</p>	<p>In America today, most school districts are funded out of local property tax revenue, resulting in unconscionable inequalities. The federal government, by conditioning funding on standardized test scores, has worsened the disparities between school districts and among states. Since school districts are funded out of local property taxes, less is invested in the education of children from low-income families compared with their more affluent peers. In America, the quality of a child's education should not and cannot depend on their zip code. * Provide schools with the resources needed to shrink class sizes. *Increase funding for public magnet schools to \$1 billion annually to help integrate our schools. * Rethink the link between property taxes and education funding. * Establish a national per-pupil spending floor.</p>
<p>LGBTQ Students</p>	<p>Our schools must be safe for all students. Period. It is disgusting that our children must face the terrifying reality of being at risk of being killed in their own schools, and that school districts must resort to measures like this to try to keep kids safe. We must ensure LGBTQ students can attend school without fear of bullying, and work to substantially reduce suicides. Pass the Safe Schools Improvement Act and the Student Non-Discrimination Act into law to protect the rights of LGBTQ students. *Protect students from harassment, discrimination, and violence in educational institutions by protecting and enforcing Title IX. *Enact comprehensive gun violence prevention laws to end the epidemic of gun violence in this country and in our schools. *Ensure that immigrant children and their parents are free from harassment and surveillance at school, regardless of their immigration status.</p>

<p>Native Education</p>	<p>Ensure schools in rural communities, indigenous communities, Puerto Rico and other U.S. Territories receive equitable funding.</p>
<p>Child Poverty</p>	<p>In America today, one in every six kids goes hungry. Instead of addressing this crisis, students with lunch debt are sometimes denied meals, have debt collectors sent after their families, and are even denied their diplomas. Unacceptable. It is not a radical idea that no child in this country should go hungry. We must ensure that all students have access to healthy school meals. As president, Bernie Sanders will fight to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Provide year-round, free universal school meals; breakfast, lunch and snacks through our school meals programs, and offer incentives for sourcing food from local sources. *Expand Summer EBT across the country to ensure no student goes hungry during the summer.
<p>Community Schools</p>	<p>Our public schools can and should be more than just places where children learn—they can be community centers that build the health and well-being of students. We must act to transform our education system into a high-quality public good that connects education, health, and social-services to young people. A strong investment in sustainable community school programs can help us achieve that. President Trump has proposed eliminating funding for community school programs. As president, Bernie Sanders will provide \$5 billion in annual funding for sustainable community schools to provide a holistic, full-service approach to learning and the wellbeing of our young people. By transforming our schools into sustainable community schools, we can provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Health and support services including dental care, mental health care, and substance abuse prevention. *Community and youth organizing. *Community goods and services such as job training classes, art spaces, GED, and ESL classes.
<p>Discipline Disparity/ School-to-Prison Pipeline</p>	<p>Address disciplinary practices in schools that disproportionately affect Black and Brown children.</p>
<p>English Language Learners/Bilingualism</p>	<p>Increase access to English as a Second Language instruction.</p>
<p>For-Profit/Private Schools</p>	<p>Ban for-profit charter schools and support the NAACP’s moratorium on public funds for charter school expansion until a national audit has been completed to determine the impact of charter growth. That means halting the use of public funds to underwrite new charter schools. We do not need two schools systems; we need to invest in our public schools system. Existing charter schools must be made accountable by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Mandating that charter schools comply with the same oversight requirements as public schools. * Mandating that at least half of all charter school boards are teachers and parents. * Disclosing student attrition rates, non-public funding sources, financial interests and other relevant data. * Matching employment practices at charters with neighboring district schools, including standards set by collective bargaining agreements and restrictions on CEO pay. * Supporting the efforts of charter school teachers to unionize and bringing charter schools to the negotiating table.
<p>IDEA/Students With Disabilities</p>	<p>The IDEA helps about 6.5 million children with disabilities, but because of a chronic lack of funding there is a shortage of special education teachers and physical and speech therapists, and the turnover rate among them is incredibly high.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Provide mandatory funding to ensure that the federal government provides at least 50 percent of the funding for special education.*Guarantee children with disabilities an equal right to high-quality education by enforcing the Americans with Disabilities Act. * Increase educational opportunities for persons with disabilities, including an expansion in career and technical education opportunities to prepare students for good-paying community employment. * Address the shortage in special education teacher recruitment, training opportunities, workload and pay for special education teachers. * Triple Title I funding to ensure students with disabilities are able to get quality education regardless of the zip code they live in.

School Infrastructure	Schools across urban and rural America are crumbling. A 2014 study found that at least 53% of the nation’s schools need immediate repair. At least 2.3 million students, mostly in rural communities, attend schools without high-speed internet access. Teachers are paid starvation wages and schools across underserved urban and rural parts of our country are crumbling. Stories about about heating systems giving out in the winter, ceilings leaking during storms and mold accumulating in plain sight. That is unacceptable and has got to change. Sanders will fully close the gap in school infrastructure funding to renovate, modernize, and green the nation’s schools.
School Transportation	Fund school transportation to help integration, ending the absurd prohibitions in place.
School Violence	Make schools safe and inclusive by protecting the rights of all students from harassment, discrimination, and violence and enacting comprehensive gun violence prevention laws.
Teacher Pay	<p>Significantly increase teacher pay by working with states to set a starting salary for teachers at no less than \$60,000 tied to cost of living, years of service, and other qualifications; and allowing states to go beyond that floor based on geographic cost of living.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * End racial and gender disparities in teacher pay. * Ensure professional development for all teachers, including continuing education and mentorship programs. * Protect and expand collective bargaining rights and teacher tenure. * Triple the above-the-line tax deduction for educator expenses and index it to inflation to reimburse teachers for the nearly \$500 on average they spend on out of pocket classroom expenses each year. * Create a grant program to provide teachers with funds explicitly meant for classroom materials. * Empower teachers to provide a teacher-supported curriculum that gives students the best possible education.
Teacher/Leader Diversity	See Teacher Pay
Title I	Triple Title I funding to ensure at-risk schools get the funding they need and end funding penalties for schools that attempt to desegregate.
Arts Education	Give schools the funding needed to support arts, foreign language and music education to provide all students with important learning opportunities.
Early Childhood	Spend \$1.5 trillion over 10 years to offer children guaranteed free child care and pre-K spots in their communities, supervised by fairly paid professionals. As president, we will guarantee free, universal childcare and pre-kindergarten to every child in America to help level the playing field, create new and good jobs, and enable parents more easily balance the demands of work and home.
Rural Education	Ensure schools in rural communities, indigenous communities, Puerto Rico and other U.S. Territories receive equitable funding.
Other	
Office of Civil Rights	Fully fund the Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights and remove current protocols that allow for arbitrary dismissal of complaints.
Funding Sources	We can guarantee higher education as a right for all and cancel all student debt for an estimated \$2.2 trillion. To pay for this, we will impose a tax of a fraction of a percent on Wall Street speculators who nearly destroyed the economy a decade ago. This Wall Street speculation tax will raise \$2.4 trillion over the next 10 years. It works by placing a 0.5% tax on stock trades—50 cents on every \$100 of stock—a 0.1% fee on bond trades, and a 0.005% fee on derivative trades.

<p>Workforce Training</p>	<p>Provide \$5 billion annually for career and technical education to give our students the skills they need to thrive once they graduate. Triple funding for the Work-Study Program. By tripling funding for this program, we can build valuable career experiences for students that will help them after they graduate. Today, this program provides about \$1,760 per year to some 700,000 students. When we are in the White House, we will expand the program to reach at least 2.1 million students – a 1.4 million student increase. And we will ensure that funding targets schools that have large low-income student enrollment.</p>
<p>Unions</p>	<p>Significantly increase teacher pay by working with states to set a starting salary for teachers at no less than \$60,000 tied to cost of living, years of service, and other qualifications; and allowing states to go beyond that floor based on geographic cost of living.</p>

Warren

Community	
Mental Health	I will push to close the mental health provider gap in schools so that every school has access to the staff necessary to support students.
Foster care	Only in terms of Title I funding, no specific discussion
Afterschool/Summer Learning	"The Warren Administration will have the goal of helping 25,000 public schools transition to the community school framework by 2030." This plan includes afterschool programming
Child Care	Expand access to early childhood services and education: My plan for Universal Child Care and Early Learning will provide high-quality child care and early learning to 12 million kids across the country. As part of a comprehensive early childhood education system, I will ensure all children can attend free high-quality universal pre-K. That means pre-K teachers that are prepared, supported, and compensated fairly, and program alignment to K-3, ensuring that every child is ready for day one of kindergarten and beyond.
Higher Education	
College Accountability	Ban for-profit colleges from receiving any federal dollars (including military benefits and federal student loans), so they can no longer use taxpayer dollars to enrich themselves while targeting lower-income students, service members, and students of color and leaving them saddled with debt. Make additional federal funding available to states that demonstrate substantial improvement in enrollment and graduation rates for lower-income students and students of color. Require public colleges to complete an annual audit that identifies issues creating shortfalls in enrollment and graduation rates for lower-income students and students of color and that proposes steps to improve those rates. Prohibit public colleges from considering citizenship status or criminal history in admissions decisions.
College Affordability	Loan forgiveness of up to \$50,000 for families making less than \$250,000 a year; universal free public college
College Homelessness/Hunger	Loan forgiveness of up to \$50,000 for families making less than \$250,000 a year; universal free public college; introduced a bill that would expand SNAP benefits for low-income college students
Community Colleges	Will eliminate the cost of tuition and fees at every public 2-year and 4-year college in America. The federal government will partner with states to split the costs of tuition and fees and ensure that states maintain their current levels of funding on need-based financial aid and academic instruction.
GI Benefits/Military Transition	I've fought to expand eligibility for educational benefits, including by working to provide Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits for Purple Heart recipients who were not previously eligible, and expanding the Yellow Ribbon education program to cover families of fallen service members.
Educator Workforce Development/Preparation	Provide funding for schools to increase pay and support for all public school educators *Strengthen the ability of teachers, paraprofessionals, and staff to organize and bargain for just compensation, for a voice in education policy, and for greater investment in public education *Ensure that anyone can become a teacher without drowning in debt *Build a more diverse educator and school leadership pipeline *Support "Grow Your Own" teacher education programs
K-12	
Desegregation	Integrated schools improve educational outcomes for students of all races. And integrated schools are demanded by our Constitution's guarantee of equal protection to every person in this country. In a Warren Administration, we will achieve this goal. * Housing * Revive the OCR at Dept. of Ed. * Title I funding for integration programs * Strict scrutiny of "breakaway" districts * Improve federal data collection to support better outcomes

<p>Inequitable Funding Systems</p>	<p>It starts by quadrupling Title I funding—an additional \$450 billion over the next 10 years—to help ensure that all children get a high-quality public education. We need to ensure that federal funds reach students and schools that need it most. I’m committed to working with public education leaders and school finance experts to improve the way the federal government allocates this new Title I funding. I would impose transparency requirements so that we can understand what investments work best and adapt our approach accordingly. I’m also committed to using this new federal investment to press states to adopt better funding approaches themselves. I would condition access to this additional Title I funding on states chipping in more funding, adopting more progressive funding formulas, and actually allocating funding consistently with these new formulas. This would ensure that both the federal government and state governments do their part to progressively and equitably fund public schools while still ensuring that no child gets less per-student funding than they do today.</p>
<p>Child Poverty</p>	<p>Quadrupling Title I funding—an additional \$450 billion over the next 10 years—to help ensure that all children get a high-quality public education. But we need to do more than just increase funding. We also need to ensure that federal funds are reaching the students and schools that need it most. That’s why I’m committed to working with public education leaders and school finance experts to improve the way the federal government allocates this new Title I funding. And I would impose transparency requirements on this new funding so that we can understand what investments work best and adapt our approach accordingly.</p>
<p>Community Schools</p>	<p>The Warren Administration will have the goal of helping 25,000 public schools transition to the community school framework by 2030. Community schools are hubs of their community. Through school coordinators, they connect students and families with community partners to provide opportunities, support, and services inside and outside of the school. These schools center around wraparound services, family and community engagement, after-school programs and expanded learning time, and collaborative leadership structures. Studies show that every dollar invested in community schools generates up to \$15 in economic return to the community.</p>
<p>Discipline Disparity/School to Prison Pipeline</p>	<p>End zero-tolerance discipline policies *Establish more School-Based Health Centers: *Expand the implementation of comprehensive, culturally relevant curriculum and Social Emotional Learning *Provide better access to career and college readiness (CCR) *Address absenteeism WITH parents and students without punishing them</p>
<p>English Language Learners/Bilingualism</p>	<p>I will push to fully fund the Teacher Quality Partnership program to support teacher residency programs in high-need areas, like rural communities, and in areas of expertise like Special Education and Bilingual Education.</p>
<p>Expanding Rigorous Coursework</p>	<p>Rigorous, culturally relevant, identity-affirming curriculum can increase attendance and academic success of students</p>
<p>For Profit Schools/Private</p>	<p>Ban them</p>
<p>IDEA/Students with Disabilities</p>	<p>I’ll make good on the federal government’s original 40% funding promise by committing an additional \$20 billion a year to IDEA grants. I will also expand IDEA funding for 3- to 5-year-olds and for early intervention services for toddlers and infants.</p>
<p>Arts Education</p>	<p>That’s why my plan will invest an additional \$100 billion over ten years in “Excellence Grants” to any public school. These funds can be used to restore afterschool arts programs. Plans to eliminate high-stakes testing and encourage schools to use the time spent in test prep at least partially on arts. We should invest more in curricula that engage all students across a wide array of subject areas like the arts.</p>

Other	
Health and Wellness	Establish more School-Based Health Centers
Civic Engagement	We should invest more in curricula that engage all students across a wide array of subject areas like the arts, STEM, civics, and health, including evidence-based inclusive sex ed. Schools have eliminated critical courses that are not subject to federally mandated testing, like social studies and the arts.

Buttigieg

NOTE: Buttigieg has withdrawn from the Presidential race. However, we had compiled his detailed white papers and extensive views on education and include them here as supplemental information.

Community	
DACA Students	<p>Provide access to higher education for DACA recipients. More than 800,000 young undocumented people brought to the United States as children currently qualify for DACA. We need to renew DACA and expand eligibility, while pushing for a path to citizenship. In the meantime, extending Pell Grant eligibility to DACA students will provide them with the support needed to complete their degrees.</p>
Public-Private Partnerships	<p>Provide \$100 million annually in scaling locally-driven public-private workforce partnerships that deliver results for local workers and businesses. Pete will support local communities to develop talent ecosystems that link education, economic development, and workforce programs. Pete will provide \$100 million each year for performance-driven grants in innovative regional workforce partnerships that build on proven practices. This includes support for local sector partnerships bringing together multiple employers to develop industry-wide workforce strategies for health care, IT, manufacturing, and clean energy alongside workforce boards, labor organizations, schools, colleges, and community-based partners. Pete will also ensure these funds support the success of all workers through proven career pathway programs that integrate training with career services and other supportive services like child care, basic education, and counseling.</p>
Mental Health	<p>Double the number of psychologists, guidance counselors, nurses, social workers, and other health professionals in our schools so our kids get the mental health care they need.</p> <p>Support good mental health for college students and improve the quality of mental healthcare on college campuses. Pete will support colleges in offering mental health screenings and services by requiring insurance plans to provide a free annual mental health check-up to anyone who wants one, connecting college services to community services to allow for more timely treatment and better coordination, supporting college counseling and mental health centers to increase their capacity to meet student needs, and supporting training for both students and other academic professionals outside of the counseling center to increase the ability for the broader college community to address issues of mental health and addiction."</p>
Foster care	<p>Invest in the foster care system and provide greater services to families undergoing trauma. America’s foster care system serves one percent of all children every year, a number that has increased dramatically alongside the opioid epidemic. Pete will increase federal funding for foster care support by \$1 billion annually, through the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. New funding will provide greater support services to families undergoing trauma and foster parents stepping up to care for vulnerable children. His administration will also leverage recent policy changes to improve and modernize foster care systems, including by supporting passage of the bipartisan Family First Transition Act. Federal foster care policy will build on the examples of states like Rhode Island, North Carolina, and Washington that are leveraging better data management tools to reduce placement delays, improve child-caretaker matching, streamline service delivery, and keep more children on track for education and labor market success.</p>

<p>After-School/ Summer Learning</p>	<p>Ensure all children have access to outside of the classroom K-12 and summer learning opportunities. Pete will make high-quality before- and after-school and summer programming available to all children up to age 12, including transportation and meals as needed, solving a critical gap in childcare access for working parents. Programs will enjoy state-level flexibility within federal guardrails like progressive family copays and streamlined enrollment.</p> <p>Support access to creative out-of-school learning, including STEAM and sports. Many traditional public schools and community organizations offer after-school and summer programs that will be eligible for funding—increasing the number of students who can benefit from high-quality local programs. Supplementary K-12 subsidies will give students opportunities to study subjects that interest them such as art, music, dance, science, engineering, computer programming, and sports.</p>
<p>Child Care</p>	<p>Make child care affordable for all families, and free for those in most need. No family will need to pay more than 7% of income in early learning costs. To achieve these goals, Pete will make a landmark new \$700 billion investment over the next decade, building on and unifying existing funding streams to finance a major new universal subsidy program, while also continuing Obama-era efforts to strengthen and expand Head Start and Early Head Start into full-time programs accessible to many more low-income families. Funding streams will include the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), Preschool Development Grant Program, parts of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).</p> <p>Expand access to child care subsidies so parents can attend college. Expanding access to federally-funded child care, and making it easier for students to use those benefits while in college, will help more student-parents graduate on time and improve outcomes for their children.</p>
<p>Higher Education</p>	
<p>Title IX/Sexual Violence</p>	<p>Empower women to reach their full potential in college through strong Title IX protections. Pete will reverse the Trump administration’s weakening of Title IX by enacting a comprehensive, student-centric process to amend Title IX regulations focused on early intervention and prevention, protecting survivors by offering supports like counseling and academic accommodations, and making clear that schools owe each student a full investigation of their claim through a transparent process. Pete’s administration will recognize that Title IX protects transgender students and will ensure that they are able to take full advantage of all educational resources without facing discrimination.</p> <p>Support comprehensive campus-based sexual violence prevention through Department of Education leadership and funding for programs such as bystander intervention, interventions to address social norms, staff training on trauma-informed approaches, and online harassment and bullying based on gender and gender identity.</p>

<p>Private Lenders</p>	<p>Better protect students from predatory private student loans by ensuring these loans don't leave students and families drowning in debt. Pete's administration will expand and enforce baseline protections for private student loans, including by ensuring that families aren't expected to repay the debt if borrowers pass away and prohibiting banks from automatically placing loans in default based on a co-signer's death or bankruptcy filing. Pete will also help borrowers to access federal loans that carry greater protections, and ensure students and their families understand the terms of private loans through improved counseling and disclosure requirements.</p> <p>Aggressively oversee third-party debt relief companies. By coordinating the Department of Education with other federal agencies like the CFPB, Pete will stop debt relief companies from ripping students off by charging them for what should be free services, such as federal student aid applications and federal student loan benefits.</p>
<p>College Accountability</p>	<p>Raise expectations through free college to improve completion outcomes. In exchange for significantly increased public investments, public colleges will be expected to reinvest up to a quarter of the free-tuition aid in proven practices, such as comprehensive advising and emergency grants to help cover unexpected costs that might otherwise force students to drop out of school. By requiring public colleges to provide a high-quality education, align their credit transfer and reverse transfer policies, and improve graduation rates, Pete will address underlying costs of college and ensure a college education pays off.</p> <p>Strengthen oversight and reform the accreditation system . Pete's Department of Education will better monitor the over 5,000 higher education institutions that currently receive federal funding and reform the accreditation system responsible for overseeing academic quality. These actions will ensure that students are getting high-quality degrees that help them pursue their chosen careers and that taxpayer dollars are being well spent.</p>
<p>College Accountability Cont</p>	<p>Install a true independent advocate for college students at the Department of Education to fight to make sure students come first. This new student advocate will have a robust toolbox and sufficient resources to track and protect federal student aid programs, investigate college misbehavior, coordinate investigations, and share information with other agencies and state and federal consumer protection bodies to hold predatory schools accountable, and resolve student disputes quickly and effectively.</p> <p>Implement the gainful employment rules that Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has eliminated to hold career-college programs accountable when their graduates take on too much debt relative to their earnings. Provide debt relief to students whose colleges lied to them, while deterring future wrongdoing by holding those institutions liable for the costs of debt forgiveness. Similarly, Pete will ensure that eligible borrowers whose colleges close before they can graduate see their loans automatically forgiven.</p>

<p>College Affordability</p>	<p>Make college free for lower-income students with free tuition and support for basic living expenses. By recommitting to a partnership in which states and the federal government invest in their residents, we can make public tuition completely free for over seven million lower- and middle-income students who are eligible for federal Pell Grants, and for all families earning up to \$100,000.</p> <p>Make college affordable for all students. Pete will ensure that public college tuition is affordable for middle-income students by providing substantial tuition subsidies for students from families earning up to \$150,000 and requiring that states improve affordability for all students. In exchange for receiving federal dollars, states must guarantee adequate investments in their public higher education systems and improve affordability by constraining tuition increases, by improving credit transfer, and by boosting financial aid.</p>
<p>College Homelessness/Hunger</p>	<p>Ensure students don't go hungry. Pete will pursue legislative and administrative solutions to end food insecurity among college students, including by ensuring that students aren't automatically ineligible for vital social services like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) while in school, coordinating efforts across federal and state agencies and college administrators, and proactively notifying students of the benefits available to them. Pete will also invest in a \$2 billion pilot¹⁴ to expand the bipartisan free and reduced-price lunch program to provide food vouchers to students in community colleges.</p>
<p>College Transparency</p>	<p>Provide more relevant information to students about outcomes. All colleges receiving funds from the Department of Education will be required to provide students with clear, comprehensive, and accurate data on student debt, graduation rates, post-college earnings, and repayment outcomes. Pete's administration will also make the data publicly available through a user-friendly website to increase solutions that can help consumers make better college choices based on value.</p> <p>Increase transparency so students and families can access the cost and financial aid information they need. Pete will require that colleges provide clear and comparable information on the costs and financial aid packages available to students.</p>
<p>Community Colleges</p>	<p>Invest in our local communities by creating a \$1 billion community college fund to address common barriers for college students, such as exposure to in-demand career fields, career and academic coaching, child care, and transportation. This fund will reward community colleges that are working to better meet their communities' educational and career needs.</p>
<p>GI Benefits/Military Transition</p>	<p>Pete will increase funding for separating service members to access training and career counseling prior to transitioning into the civilian labor market, initiating training more than 90 days prior to separation and incentivizing states to adopt policies that recognize military training as meeting prerequisites for occupational licensure in related civilian occupations.</p> <p>Close a loophole that leads for-profit colleges to target service members and veterans, requiring that all taxpayer financial aid — including Defense Department Tuition Assistance and GI Bill dollars to veterans — count toward federal protections for students and taxpayers.</p>
<p>Minority Serving Institutions</p>	<p>Pete is proposing a new \$50 billion investment in HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs over the next decade, with \$20 billion of that additional funding through mandatory spending under Titles III and V to guarantee continued support to these colleges. In addition to supporting capital and instructional costs, funds may be used for need-based aid to reduce student D33e college completion .</p>

<p>Pell Grants</p>	<p>Increase Pell Grants for all students and ensure Pell Grants keep pace with college costs. Pete will immediately increase the size of the maximum Pell Grant by \$1,000 and tie it to inflation to keep up with rising tuition and living costs. To keep the Pell Grant program on strong footing, Pete will guarantee funding for Pell Grants to all eligible students through entitlement spending, rather than subjecting funding scholarships for lower-income students to the whims of Congress.</p> <p>Get students on the path to college early by notifying high schoolers about their Pell Grant eligibility and completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for most students. And since tuition isn't the only cost of going to college, Pete's administration will couple this historic investment in higher education with a major \$120 billion infusion to the Pell Grant program, including supplemental Pell Grants for public college students.</p>
<p>Public Service Loan Forgiveness</p>	<p>Provide earlier student loan forgiveness to teachers, including rural teachers, and full debt cancellation after 10 years of service. Providing more support to those entering public service, including those who are teaching in rural public schools, will make it more affordable for those teachers to remain with their students. Through the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, Pete will ensure that teachers receive cancellation of 5 percent of their debt in each of their first three years of service; 10 percent in each of the next four years; and 15 percent during the next three, providing full cancellation of teacher debt in exchange for 10 years of service and rewarding every contribution these borrowers make to their communities.</p> <p>Improve the management of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. Pete will set high standards for student loan servicers to make sure that public servants who deserve to have their loans forgiven aren't stymied by red tape and poor execution. He will closely monitor student loan servicers to ensure they follow the rules, and hold them accountable.</p>
<p>School Loans</p>	<p>Automatically enroll student borrowers in affordable, income-driven repayment plans when they fall behind on their payments or indicate they are struggling to repay their debt. These loans will be cancelled after borrowers have been enrolled in the income-based plan for 20 years. Help borrowers to stay enrolled in their repayment plans. By automatically transferring their enrollment information from year-to-year, Pete will help borrowers avoid confusion and ease loan repayment. Pete will also eliminate taxes on cancelled outstanding student loan balances for borrowers whose debt is forgiven after 20 years of income-driven payments. Put borrowers first. Pete will limit marketing from student loan servicers, make credit reporting on student loans fair and transparent, and update protections on borrowers' other federal benefits like Social Security income from debt collection. Pete will also end wage garnishment and other collections on defaulted student loans for low-income borrowers.</p>

<p>Educator Workforce Development/Preparation</p>	<p>Invest in early childhood wages and workforce development. Early childhood professionals should have greater opportunities to pursue certificates, credentials, and college degrees in flexible ways that build their teaching and caregiving skills and have an immediate impact on program quality and children’s development. That’s why Pete will invest \$2 billion per year in dedicated workforce development funding for training, certification, and wage increases. Those already in the early childhood workforce will have opportunities to receive competency-based credits for existing skills. Expanded federal funds will be contingent on states setting fair and appropriate CCDF payment rates that are current, commensurate with other similarly qualified professionals, and enable providers to take home a fair wage. He will expand access to critical supports that enable learning, such as interventions that target social and emotional development through evidence-based models like early childhood mental health consultation</p> <p>Launch the Education Access Corps to prepare and retain future educators to teach in Title I schools. Pete’s administration will work with states to identify a select group of high-quality, multi-year collegiate teacher preparation programs to educate cohorts of aspiring teachers, including programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs). Programs will include early exposure to classroom settings and training in cultural competency and combating bias.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Academy graduates will commit to teach in a Title I school and receive a portable teaching license. - Tuition costs will be covered as a deferred loan, of which 25% will be cancelled after three years of service and the rest fully forgiven after seven years of teaching in a Title I school. - Pete will also expand this program to early childhood educators.
<p>K-12</p>	
<p>Desegregation</p>	<p>Combat racial and socioeconomic segregation and bias through investments in equity, mixed-subsidy classrooms, transportation, and ending preschool suspension and expulsion. Pete will create a \$500 million fund to incentivize and support community-led racial and economic school integration, which is proven to improve student outcomes. He will reinstate the Obama Administration's guidance on the voluntary use of race in state- and district-level strategies to integrate schools, immediately remove the restrictions on the use of federal funds to support state and local busing initiatives as part of local efforts to voluntarily integrate schools, and increase collaboration across federal and state agencies.</p>
<p>Incarcerated Students</p>	<p>Provide access to higher education for incarcerated individuals, which greatly reduces recidivism and improves employment after release.¹⁰ By building on the work of President Obama to launch the Second Chance Pell experiment and provide access to federal Pell Grants, Pete will ensure colleges and prisons can partner to offer high-quality educational opportunities.</p> <p>Invest \$500 million to bring training and career counseling services into prisons and other correctional institutions, providing access to these resources for returning citizens prior to release to help improve their ability to rejoin the labor market. This will be tied to Pete’s goal of reducing incarceration by 50 percent nationwide.</p>

<p>Inequitable Funding Systems</p>	<p>Close the opportunity gap by reversing inequitable funding structures at the state and local level. State and local per-pupil spending in the districts serving the highest populations of students of color in America is 13% lower than spending in predominantly white districts. Pete will target his increase in Title I funding to support states and districts that implement equitable education funding formulas to provide more state and local resources to low-income schools—ending abuses like South Carolina’s ‘Corridor of Shame,’ a district with historically inequitable school financing.</p>
<p>LGBTQ Students</p>	<p>Support LGBTQ+ students and educators. Pete will appoint a Secretary of Education who is committed to LGBTQ+ equality and safety in the public school system, and to building a culture of inclusion that starts in the Department of Education. In addition to supporting the Equality Act to ensure non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ people in education and other areas of life, Pete will support curriculum that recognizes the contributions of LGBTQ+ Americans throughout history; reinstate Obama-era guidance on the treatment of transgender students, including with respect to pronouns, restrooms, and dress codes; and promote a greater sense of belonging for LGBTQ+ youth through his We Belong mentorship program.</p>
<p>Racism/ Funding Gaps/Inequity</p>	<p>Create a \$10 billion equity fund. This fund will support, test, and scale new practices and innovative policies to bridge the opportunity gaps that hold back children from historically marginalized communities. These programs will seek to accelerate progress for children of color, children from low-income families, and children with disabilities using novel teaching methods and materials, targeted support services, school-family partnership programs, communication and personalization technologies, and other innovative strategies.</p>
<p>Special Education</p>	<p>Invest in strategies to recruit, support, and retain special education teachers, especially in rural areas. The Department of Education runs the \$87 million Personnel Preparation program designed to provide quality training and development for special educators.⁴² Pete will increase its funding to \$150 million and add a focus on special educators serving in rural schools.</p>
<p>Native Education</p>	<p>Support Native students. As shared in his plan for Indian Country, Pete will significantly invest in funding the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) to make critical repairs and improvements to BIE school facilities and to recruit, train, and retain strong teachers—especially those from Indian Country. He will ensure that the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act regarding tribal consultation and supporting Native language and culture are fully funded and implemented. He will also ensure that every Native-serving school has the internet it needs, and enhance classroom and wrap around supports for native students.</p>
<p>Home Visits</p>	<p>Support families from the start with voluntary nurse and social worker home visiting programs. Home visits from well-trained professionals—such as nurses and social workers—that start early in pregnancy can help parents navigate stressful and complex aspects of pregnancy and caring for newborns. These programs help families support their children’s development during the critical early years. Pete will expand and fully fund intensive, evidence-based, voluntary home visiting for very low-income parents from early pregnancy through a child’s second birthday.</p>

<p>Child Poverty</p>	<p>Dramatically reduce child poverty, including by narrowing the gender wage gap, raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, and increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guarantee universal health care coverage for children and families through Medicare For All Who Want It. ● End child homelessness and lower housing costs for parents with children. Pete will invest \$430 billion in affordable housing and other measures to unlock access to affordable housing for over seven million families. This includes ending child, family, and youth homelessness and ensuring that all eligible families with children receive housing choice vouchers—as well as optional wrap-around
<p>Community Schools</p>	<p>Increase federal support for community schools. In the community school model, schools serve as community centers, where partners come together to offer a range of supports and opportunities to children, youth, and families. Pete will increase funding for the Full Service Community Schools grant program to expand access to well-rounded, comprehensive community supports that are built through community schools.</p>
<p>Discipline Disparity/ School-to-Prison Pipeline</p>	<p>Break the school-to-prison pipeline. Pete will eliminate federal support for policies and practices that contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline, reinstate Obama-era guidance to address discipline disparities, and invest in successful district-level solutions that reduce the use of exclusionary discipline. Pete will reinstate guidance to address discipline disparities under Title VI and joint guidance issued by the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services to address discipline practices in early childhood settings. Through a new grant program, he will invest in identifying and replicating district-level solutions that reduce the use of exclusionary discipline while maintaining classroom order, addressing student behavior, and supporting healthy development. Pete will encourage states to pass legislation that eliminates suspensions for discretionary infractions, such as “disrespect” or dress code infractions. He will also direct the Department of Education to issue guidance on non-punitive alternatives like restorative justice and positive behavioral supports.</p>
<p>English Language Learners/Bilingualism</p>	<p>Invest in English language learners and bilingualism. Over nine percent of American public school students are English language learners.³⁰ Studies show that dual language programs have many cognitive and academic benefits for all students.³¹ In fact, research finds that dual language learners learn English faster, and score higher in math and reading when they are taught in their home language, alongside English. As President, Pete will treat bilingualism and biliteracy like the great benefit it is by increasing investments in and expanding access to schools’ English language learner and dual language immersion programs in early childhood and K-12 education, and incentivizing states and districts to pivot away from the English-only status quo. To build a strong and diverse pool of language teachers, the School Leadership Lab program will support multilingual high school students, paraprofessionals, teacher’s aides, and after-school program leads to become certified teachers.</p>

For-Profit/Private Schools	<p>Pete’s priority is strengthening and investing in public schools to ensure that they have the capacity to best serve students. Because the profit motive distorts priorities in K-12 education, Pete will ban for-profit charter schools. He will promote comparable levels of accountability and transparency between charter and traditional public schools. He will work with states to ensure that policy innovations from charter programs that benefit students can be subsequently shared to strengthen the traditional public school system—and that educators in traditional public schools have the power to innovate in their own classrooms. Pete will continue to oppose the implementation of any federal school voucher program.</p> <p>Cancel debt for borrowers who attended unaffordable for-profit programs. Pete will aggressively pursue accountability for for-profit colleges that leave students with unaffordable debt and without viable job prospects. By collecting on the costs and closing vocational programs that fail to serve their students well, Pete will ensure future students don’t end up in the same position.</p>
IDEA/Students With Disabilities	<p>Support students with disabilities, including by fully funding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). As outlined alongside other education efforts in his “Dignity, Access, and Belonging” plan, Pete will fight for students with disabilities to have access to high-quality, inclusive public education. This includes fully funding IDEA, which will help schools hire and retain more highly qualified special education teachers and provide more services to students with disabilities.</p>
School Choice	<p>Provide families with exceptional freedom of choice by ensuring they can afford the early learning option that’s best for them. Most families receiving benefits will pay a proportional share of the program’s cost, or a “copay,” which will reflect the family’s income level, with subsidies covering the remainder, and provider incentives for quality. This provides families with exceptional choice, spanning Head Start programs, local public programs, various private centers, and high-quality home-based programs. States will shoulder a share of early learning subsidy costs, as they do in the current system.</p>
School Infrastructure	<p>Provide reliable internet service at every public school. Pete will ensure that every child, regardless of where they live, has full access to digital learning opportunities. He will support Federal Communications Commission (FCC) initiatives to streamline approval processes and leverage the federal E-Rate program so every classroom has access to world-class Internet speeds for digital learning. He will specifically address access to internet for rural and Native students.</p>
School Transportation	<p>Invest in transportation and program navigation resources to reduce barriers to accessing high-quality care. Pete will spend \$1 billion annually on safe transportation assistance, especially in rural areas, that enables families in low-income communities to choose early learning that is right for their children, starting from infancy. In addition to making the system easier for families to use, this voluntary program will accelerate integration in the early childhood system. Pete will also invest in program navigation resources for families who want them, building on successful pilots in King County, Washington.</p>

<p>School Violence</p>	<p>Support efforts to keep guns off college or university campuses, and enact Extreme Risk laws to empower loved ones, classmates, and educators to intervene to temporarily protect someone in crisis from accessing firearms. College students, educators, and faculty should be familiar with extreme risk laws, also called red flag laws, as a way to intervene before warning signs escalate into tragedies on college campuses. Pete will also support efforts by students, police chiefs, and college presidents — who overwhelmingly oppose legislation that forces colleges and universities to allow guns on campus.</p>
<p>STEM Education</p>	<p>To move toward equitable access to STEM learning, Pete will increase federal investments and incentivize state and local investments in elementary, middle, high school, and college programs to increase readiness and competitiveness in STEM and in fields of growing employment opportunities, especially health professions, software, finance, and alternative energy. Pete’s administration will prioritize expanding access to children from historically marginalized communities and communities underrepresented in STEM.</p> <p>Prepare students for construction and engineering careers by establishing the Infrastructure Accelerator Program. Pete will include school infrastructure spending as part of his national infrastructure plan in order to improve our schools and prepare students for careers in high-growth fields like construction. Contracting priority will be given to companies that agree to provide apprenticeships to students from the districts and schools they’re working in, so that students receive on-the-job skills such as construction and clean energy installation.</p>
<p>Teacher Pay</p>	<p>Invest in early childhood wages and workforce development, including by investing \$2 billion per year in workforce development funding for training, certification, and wage increases. Pete will also require states to set fair and appropriate payment rates that are commensurate with other similarly qualified professionals.</p> <p>Eliminate the wage gap for Title I teachers. Pete will increase salaries for teachers, school leaders, and school support staff; support recruitment, training, and retention of diverse educators; and expand funding for supplemental services for students. Districts will be required to use the increased funding to first close the salary gap in Title I schools so these jobs are competitive with other jobs in their area that require similar education and training. They will also have to invest in additional supports for students, including mental health services and curricular innovation.</p>
<p>Teacher/Leader Diversity</p>	<p>Double the proportion of new teachers and school leaders who are people of color in 10 years. Pete will invest in diversifying the teaching workforce and growing the leadership of school leaders of color, who currently make up less than one-quarter of all school principals.⁵ Districts submitting school improvement plans to states will also be asked to identify strategies to improve teacher racial diversity—which research has shown is a driver of success for all students—as a key component of their plans.</p> <p>Create the School Leadership Lab. Pete will create a fund to support states and districts to increase the diversity of school staff to reflect the diversity of the student body as a whole. The Lab will build programs to recruit, train, and develop existing school staff, after-school directors and staff, local community educators, paraprofessionals, and teacher’s aides to become school counselors and teachers.</p>

<p>Title I</p>	<p>Invest in a truly equitable public education system by tripling funding for Title I schools. Title I schools—those schools with high numbers of students from low-income backgrounds—need more resources, not fewer, if their students are to have equal opportunities to succeed. Pete will triple funding for Title I to support additional services for low-income students above and beyond state and local funding resources, as well as to raise teacher salaries.</p> <p>Launch the Jobs of the Future program for Title I districts. Pete will establish a federal fund for Title I districts to provide students with apprenticeships through paid, on-the-job training in emerging sectors of our economy such as computer science, health care, and clean energy. Through public-private partnerships, districts will partner with employers to provide student participants with additional academic interventions and comprehensive support services. Private entities would provide hands-on learning opportunities or apprenticeships in emerging sectors.</p>
<p>Professional Development for Educators</p>	<p>Kickstart innovation in teaching and learning through a new \$3 billion fund. Pete will launch a \$3 billion fund for research, testing, and evaluation of three education innovation goals. He will partner with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors and work with teachers, parents, and researchers to set community-led goals. These could potentially address measuring whole child development, developing new measures to help us understand what students know and can do, crafting new teacher-led assessments to improve teaching and learning, identifying practices that improve equity, and exploring innovations in career pathway models.</p>
<p>Arts Education</p>	<p>Pete will prioritize federal support for arts education by increasing funding for the Assistance for Arts Education Program. Students who participate in the arts benefit from improved critical thinking skills, attend schools with more positive school cultures, and show increased achievement in other subjects.</p> <p>Increase funding to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). All students should see history and culture accurately represented in museums, libraries, and other cultural institutions. Pete will increase funding for the NEA and NEH, including specifically for arts education, and will support the Arts Education Partnership. He will create targeted grant funding aimed to promote the ongoing documentation of history and promotion of culture in the United States. He will support the ongoing digitization of Library of Congress resources to increase accessibility, funding for museums and art installations in urban and rural areas, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services</p>

<p>Early Childhood</p>	<p>Appoint federal leadership that prioritizes improving and coordinating early childhood supports. Pete will appoint Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Education, and Housing and Urban Development committed to expanding equitable opportunity for America’s children. An executive administrator with deep experience in child-serving programs will be empowered to make the most of the newly unified, universal child care program, overseeing both the expanded Head Start and new universal subsidy infrastructure from within HHS.</p> <p>Offer programs year-round, eliminate “cliffs” that penalize families for increasing their income, and make annual registration easier. All programs will be offered to parents for a full calendar year. Annual eligibility renewals will be made quick and easy. All program benefits will phase in and out gradually alongside family income, rather than sharply around eligibility “cliffs” that keep families from taking pay raises so they don’t lose benefits.</p> <p>Coordinate early learning and care with other benefits. Pete will help states develop more efficient program applications and benefit payments across early learning programs as well as other family support programs including the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program.</p> <p>Offer early learning program counseling for parents who want it. Pete’s plan will fund innovative partnerships with states and communities to build customized, culturally responsive, and linguistically accessible counseling services that help families access the best early learning opportunities</p> <p>Invest in provider growth and quality through the Provider Excellence Initiative to enable early-learning providers to seek financing for investments in quality improvements. Pete will launch a new initiative building on state examples to expand seats and build quality in mixed-delivery settings with technical assistance and funding.</p>
<p>Rural Education</p>	<p>Reduce the teacher shortage in rural areas by 50% over 15 years. As outlined in his plan to expand rural opportunity, Pete will invest in rural education, including with an additional \$50 million to the existing Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Program to expand “grow your own” teacher preparation programs, expanding public service loan forgiveness, and investing in workforce development for special educators serving rural schools.</p>
<p>Student Athletes</p>	<p>Protect student-athletes. Pete will support regulation and legislation like California’s new bipartisan Fair Pay to Play Act, which ensures student-athletes can seek compensation for the use of their images, just like other college students, and engage agents to represent them in the marketplace.</p>
<p>Other</p>	
<p>Office of Civil Rights</p>	<p>Increase accountability for fair treatment of students by empowering the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights to fully investigate violations of Title VI, Title IX, and IDEA. Pete would reverse policy changes made by Secretary DeVos that restrict the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) from looking beyond individual complaints of discrimination to address systemic issues. Pete will also call for increasing OCR’s funding to investigate and resolve cases quickly to ensure justice for all students.</p>

<p>Health and Wellness</p>	<p>Incentivize states and districts to prioritize school climate through a new School Climate Innovation Fund. Creating safe and secure schools requires investing in positive, trusting relationships within the school community. Modeled after the Education Innovation Research Fund, he will initiate a five-year grant to provide funding for states and districts to develop, test, and scale school climate solutions, including for reducing discipline disparities for students of color and students with disabilities, and addressing mental and physical health needs.</p> <p>Triple funding for the Student Success and Academic Enrichment Grant Program (SSAE), which provides funding for schools to invest in three critical areas: ensuring students are safe and healthy; using technology in the classroom effectively; and providing students a well-rounded education. Pete's administration will work with Congress to triple SSAE funding to \$3.5 billion and develop guidance and regulations to ensure no SSAE funds are spent on potentially dangerous actions, such as arming school staff.</p>
<p>Workforce Training</p>	<p>Reforms to the Federal Work-Study program will ensure federal dollars are better allocated and that colleges and universities develop cooperative models that help students access off-campus work in well-paying fields related to their career goals.</p> <p>Double annual investments in career and technical education programs in high schools and colleges. Pete will partner with industry to invest in a world-class career and technical education system. Pete will also dedicate funds for state and industry partnerships designed so all high school students in career and technical education programs can receive free college credit, earn industry credentials, and engage in work-based learning. His administration will support a tax deduction for employers that offer paid work experience through internships and youth apprenticeships.</p> <p>Expand and strengthen American apprenticeships through a \$10 billion investment. Pete supports strengthening the National Apprenticeship Act to expand this system, and will invest \$1 billion each year to double the number of apprentices, particularly in nontraditional industry sectors like IT, health care, advanced manufacturing, clean energy, and education. Specifically, Pete will: Provide a challenge grant program to incentivize states to strengthen their apprenticeship systems, set targets for expansion, and better connect apprenticeships to higher education, K-12, and workforce systems. Establish industry-specific "centers of excellence" to work with employers to expand access, and invest in intermediary organizations that work across partners in states and communities to start new programs and support apprentices. Incentivize employers of all sizes, across industry sectors, to participate and invest in apprenticeship programs. Create a federal apprenticeship service to fill jobs across agencies in critical fields.</p>

<p>Civic Engagement</p>	<p>Ensure students are prepared to be engaged citizens. Pete will help schools increase instructional time in social studies and civics. In addition to tripling resources for the Student Success and Academic Enrichment Grants to \$3.5 billion, Pete will increase funding for the American History and Civics National Activities Grants</p> <p>Create opportunities for more high school students to participate in national service through Pete’s A New Call to Service plan. Pete will create one million paid service opportunities by 2026, including through new Service Year Fellowships targeting high school students and opportunity youth, who are out of school and work. Pete’s A New Call to Service plan will dramatically expand opportunities for young people join AmeriCorps programs. His administration will recruit young alumni of AmeriCorps’s education programs to become teachers, school counselors, or other school support staff through additional incentives like accelerated public service loan forgiveness.</p>
<p>Research and Data</p>	<p>Improve data linkages between early learning and K-12 systems. Pete’s administration will partner with states to further develop comprehensive Early Childhood Integrated Data Systems that connects early learning program data to existing K-12 data systems. This data integration will improve analysis of the impact of early childhood investments.</p> <p>Expand research on child development. Child development contributes enormous benefits to our society and economy yet we conduct virtually no large-scale R&D on this process. Pete will expand funding for child dev R&D at the NSF and add \$5 billion in new annual funding for the NIH.</p> <p>Promote equity by ensuring the federal government collects data on student experience. The biennial Civil Rights Data Collection requires every school to provide data on the potentially disparate experiences of students. Pete’s Administration will reinstate questions that DeVos removed and invest in a robust CRDC by providing additional supports & incentives for schools to provide accurate, timely data and expanding topics.</p>
<p>Unions</p>	<p>Support strong unions for educators and staff. To make the 21st Century economy work for everyone, all of our nation’s workers should have the bargaining power they need to demand good jobs, fair pay, and safe workplaces. As part of Pete’s comprehensive labor plan, he will impose strong, multimillion-dollar penalties for interference with union elections and level the playing field in elections by requiring “equal airtime on company time,” so that workers hear from union organizers and not just employers. He will defend the right to strong unions for K-12 and early education teachers and staff.</p>

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NOTE: Klobuchar has withdrawn from the Presidential race. However, we had compiled her extensive views on education and include them here as supplemental information.

Community	
Foster care	Remove barriers to education for homeless and foster youth. During her first 100 days as President, Senator Klobuchar will direct her Secretary of Education to remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth, including by ensuring grant programs identify, recruit and prepare homeless and foster students for postsecondary education.
After-School/ Summer Learning	Submit recommendations to align school services and schedules with the needs of working families: States will work with educators to develop and submit recommendations on how schools can meet the needs of working families, which could include low-cost after-school programs, alternative programs for students on days when schools are closed, and a community school model that wraps other community services in the school building to make schools into community hubs.
Child Care	Support student parents. Students who have children are more likely to drop out of their educational programs without completing them. As President, Senator Klobuchar will expand the Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) Program, which provides on-campus child care services. She will also expand the eligibility for the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit to cover child care expenses while parents pursue postsecondary education and make financial aid calculations fairer for student parents.
Higher Education	
Private Lenders	Protect student borrowers and increasing financial literacy. Too many students have been taken advantage of by unscrupulous private lenders. As President, Senator Klobuchar will restore and strengthen rules that allow students who believe they were defrauded by their colleges to apply for loan forgiveness, providing relief to thousands of additional students. She will also establish best practices for student financial literacy and require schools to notify student borrowers of their total loan obligations, estimated interest rate, and expected monthly payment. This proposal is modeled after the bipartisan <i>Empowering Student Borrowers Act</i> , which Senator Klobuchar has co-sponsored in the Senate.
College Affordability	Improve tax incentives for retraining and post-secondary education. Senator Klobuchar will work to pass bills she currently leads in the Senate to allow older students and workers to use tax-advantaged “529” savings accounts for recognized post-secondary credentials and occupational licenses. As President, she will also pass bipartisan legislation she leads in the Senate to remove age-based contribution restrictions for Coverdell education accounts, allowing the accounts to be used for a broader range of career and technical education costs. Both tax incentives would apply to older students and retraining opportunities. Provide financial support beyond tuition. For many college students, non-tuition expenses can present a significant hurdle to completing their education. In addition to expanding Pell Grants, which can be used for certain non-tuition expenses, Senator Klobuchar will work with states to establish microgrant programs to help students with necessary expenses if they face unexpected financial hardship.
College Homelessness/Hunger	Remove barriers to education for homeless and foster youth. During her first 100 days as President, Senator Klobuchar will direct her Secretary of Education to remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth, including by ensuring grant programs identify, recruit and prepare homeless and foster students for post-secondary education. In addition, she will expand categorical eligibility for SNAP benefits for low-income students and support pilot projects to increase the availability of federal housing assistance to students.

College Transparency	She will also work with high schools, community colleges, universities, businesses, labor unions, trade associations and job training centers to provide information to students earlier in their education about the availability and outlook for jobs in different careers, their expected earning potential, and the necessary educational credentials.
Community Colleges	Provide tuition-free community college and technical certifications. Today many of the fastest growing occupations require 1- and 2-year degrees. As President, Senator Klobuchar will create a new federal-state partnership to provide tuition-free community college 1- and 2-year degrees, technical certifications and industry-recognized credentials. The federal government will match \$3 for every \$1 invested by the state for students who qualify for in-state tuition, are enrolled at least half-time, and maintain satisfactory academic progress. When certain economic indicators show a state has increased financial need, the federal share of the match will increase. To qualify for the federal funding, states will also be required to maintain their spending on higher education, limit the rate of tuition increases and ensure that students can easily transfer their credits to four-year programs. This proposal is based on Senator Baldwin's <i>America's College Promise Act</i> and an Obama Administration proposal.
GI Benefits/Military Transition	Ensure veterans have access to the educational opportunities they have earned. Senator Klobuchar has been a champion for expanding and modernizing education benefits for our servicemembers. As President, she will push to reduce the burden of student debt on servicemembers by lowering or eliminating the accrual of interest on student loans during their service. She will also ensure that members of the National Guard and Reserve receive the same GI Bill education benefits as their counterparts in active duty and adjust tuition assistance for members of the National Guard and Reserve to keep the tuition assistance competitive. And to support veterans on college campuses and expand career counseling, Senator Klobuchar will launch and implement a grant program to invest in college veteran education centers.
Higher Ed Degree Completion	Expand accountable skills-based education. Senator Klobuchar supports finding ways to give students credit for the skills and knowledge they have from previous jobs or military experience. As a Senator, her legislation was signed into law to make it easier for veterans with training to become paramedics and law enforcement officers. As President, Senator Klobuchar will initiate a grant program for skills-based education with strong accountability and transparency standards to make it easier for students to receive credit for skills and knowledge they've already acquired. Expand and fully support TRIO and GEAR UP. The TRIO and GEAR UP programs help low-income, first-generation college students, and students with disabilities, veterans, homeless youth, foster youth, and underrepresented individuals prepare for and succeed in higher education. The Trump Administration has attempted to cut funding for these programs, but as President, Senator Klobuchar will expand these programs and ensure that they are fully funded.
Minority-Serving Institutions	Strengthen and increase affordability for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs). As President Senator Klobuchar will invest in HBCUs and MSIs through a new Pathways to Student Success initiative. Participating HBCUs and MSIs will receive federal funding to waive or significantly reduce the first two years of tuition for low-income students at four-year schools. Invest in Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs). As President, Senator Klobuchar will work to ensure that Tribal Colleges and Universities are fully funded and that TCUs, Alaska Native-serving institutions, Native Hawaiian-serving institutions and Native American-serving nontribal institutions will be eligible for the Pathways to Student Success initiative. She will also build on her work to provide resources for tribal schools so that they can prepare students to be career and college ready.
Pell Grants	Double the maximum Pell Grant and expand eligibility to families making up to \$100,000 per year. As President, Senator Klobuchar will double the maximum Pell grant—which, unlike loans, do not have to be repaid—to \$12,000 per year and expand eligibility to families making up to \$100,000 per year. She will also index Pell grant levels to inflation.

<p>Public Service Loan Forgiveness</p>	<p>Fix the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program and expand it to cover In-Demand occupations. Loan forgiveness can be a powerful tool to help encourage recent graduates and current students to enter public service, but the current Public Service Loan Forgiveness program is broken. As President, Senator Klobuchar will completely overhaul the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program to require lenders to provide better information to borrowers about their eligibility and progress toward forgiveness, allow borrowers more flexibility to meet the program requirements, and streamline reporting and verification requirements. She will also expand the loan forgiveness program to borrowers who work in In-Demand occupations so we can match students with the job openings of today and tomorrow. Under the In-Demand occupation loan forgiveness program, any remaining balance on undergraduate federal student loans would be forgiven after 10 years of payments through an income-driven repayment plan.</p>
<p>School Loans</p>	<p>Simplify the financial aid process. The income verification process for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be a significant barrier for low-income students. As President, Senator Klobuchar will work to improve coordination between the IRS and Department of Education to streamline income verification. She will also allow previous year tax forms to be used to avoid complications from income estimates.</p> <p>Allow borrowers to refinance their student loans to lower rates. Senator Klobuchar believes that if billionaires can refinance their yachts, students should be able to refinance their student loans. As President, Senator Klobuchar will work with Congress to pass legislation that allows students and parents with existing federal and private student loans for undergraduate and graduate programs to refinance their loans at lower rates.</p>
<p>Adult Education</p>	<p>Invest in adult basic education. In her first 100 days as President, Senator Klobuchar will reverse President Trump’s proposal to cut basic education programs for adults, and launch an initiative focused on increasing opportunities for adults to master literacy and basic math skills.</p> <p>Give students returning to school later in life a fair shot. Students should be able to pursue post-secondary opportunities later in life. Senator Klobuchar will allow students who are returning to post-secondary education to requalify for Pell grants by resetting their Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and to receive additional Pell grants even if they have reached the Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU). She will also restore Pell grant eligibility for incarcerated students.</p>
<p>K-12</p>	
<p>Inequitable Funding Systems</p>	<p>Convene a commission to review the state’s existing funding formula to improve equity: States will review the existing funding formula to ensure that all students, particularly those with the greatest need, have access to adequate educational resources. The commission must include professional educators and develop recommendations for improving state education funding equity, which will be published biennially along with an assessment of state progress.</p>
<p>LGBTQ Students</p>	<p>Restore protections for the LGBTQ community. Senator Klobuchar will reverse the harmful anti-LGBTQ administrative actions taken by the Trump Administration when it comes to education, health care and civil rights, and she will work to pass the Equality Act in year one of her presidency.</p>
<p>GED Programs</p>	<p>Improve GED programs. As President, Senator Klobuchar will work to improve GED programs by linking them to career skills and community college curricula while increasing students’ chances of success through wraparound support services.</p>
<p>Discipline Disparity/ School-to-Prison Pipeline</p>	<p>Reduce racial disparities in disciplining students. Senator Klobuchar will re-issue guidance directing schools to reduce racial disparities in how they discipline students, which prompted more than 50 of America’s largest school districts to institute discipline reform.</p>

<p>Expanding Rigorous Coursework</p>	<p>Adapt high school curricula to improve workforce readiness and post-secondary success and expand opportunities for dual enrollment. As part of her previously announced Progress Partnerships for K-12 education, Senator Klobuchar will create incentives for state education departments to evaluate and improve student career readiness, including coursework, curriculum and other policies that prepare students for the jobs available in today’s workforce. As President, Senator Klobuchar will also help school districts cover the tuition expenses of high schoolers enrolled in community colleges, apprenticeships, technical certifications, and universities through dual enrollment programs.</p>
<p>For-Profit/Private Schools</p>	<p>End the unaccountable profit-motive of charter schools</p>
<p>IDEA/Students With Disabilities</p>	<p>Fully fund the IDEA and reinstate the guidance protecting the rights of students with disabilities. Senator Klobuchar’s budget will fully fund IDEA to support students with disabilities. In addition, Senator Klobuchar will reinstate documents protecting the rights of students with disabilities after Secretary DeVos rescinded 72 guidance documents outlining those rights. Support students with disabilities. Senator Klobuchar is committed to accessible education for people of differing abilities. That includes making sure that education facilities accommodate people with disabilities, educators have the training and resources to effectively teach students with learning and other disabilities, and schools provide supportive resources for students with disabilities.</p>
<p>School Infrastructure</p>	<p>Establish an equitable school infrastructure funding mechanism: In addition to receiving generous direct federal funding for school infrastructure improvements, states will create a mechanism for distributing federal school infrastructure funding that addresses disparities in conditions and resources and ensures equity in funding for construction and repairs of school buildings across the state.</p>
<p>STEM Education</p>	<p>During the presidential campaign, Senator Klobuchar has announced plans to fully fund education and our schools, make a historic investment in increasing teacher pay, close the opportunity gap, fully fund the IDEA, boost STEM education and apprenticeship opportunities, and rebuild our crumbling school infrastructure. Increase STEM education including for women and underrepresented minorities. As co-chair of the Diversify Tech Caucus and Women’s High Tech Coalition, Senator Klobuchar has been a leader in expanding STEM education including for women and underrepresented minorities. As Senator, she successfully passed multiple bills to promote STEM-focused programs at schools, improve the representation of underrepresented groups on the National Science Foundation’s Advisory Panel, improve retention of minority STEM teachers, strengthen NASA’s STEM outreach. As President, Senator Klobuchar will continue to promote STEM education including computer science and data literacy.</p>
<p>Teacher Pay</p>	<p>Increase teacher pay: States will agree to a state-federal partnership with a generous federal match to increase salaries for all teachers, as well as recommendations that address unique state needs when it comes to the teacher pipeline, such as recruitment, retention, diversity of the workforce, and quality of teacher preparation. State educators should be included in the development of these plans.</p>
<p>Other</p>	
<p>Funding Sources</p>	<p>To pay for these investments, Senator Klobuchar will raise the capital gains and dividends rate for people in the top two income tax brackets, limit the amount of capital gain deferral allowable through like-kind exchanges, and implement the Buffet Rule through a 30 percent minimum tax for people with incomes over \$1 million.</p>

<p>Workforce Training</p>	<p>Invest in apprenticeships. Apprenticeships combine academic instruction with on-the-job training to give students the skills they need to succeed while helping employers create a source of qualified workers. Senator Klobuchar will direct her Secretary of Labor to analyze the use of apprenticeships for In-Demand occupations, launch a nationwide campaign, and expand apprenticeship opportunities and benefits with the goal of doubling the number of apprenticeships to over a million by the end of her first term. She will also work to pass the <i>American Apprenticeship Act</i>, a bipartisan bill she leads in the Senate that would help states create and expand tuition assistance programs for students in pre-apprenticeship and Registered Apprenticeship programs.</p> <p>Establish a Worker Training Tax Credit. Today businesses are investing less in workforce training, particularly when it comes to lower wage workers who are most at risk of losing their jobs to automation and other emerging technologies. As President, Senator Klobuchar would create a new tax credit for employers that invest in training for workers at risk of being laid off through on-site training programs or provide paid time off for off-site retraining. To qualify for the tax credit, training would have to lead to an industry-recognized credential, certificate, or degree.</p>
<p>Credentials</p>	<p>Promote stackable credentials. Stackable credentials are certifications or occupational licenses that can be combined with additional coursework that will then lead to an associates degree. As President, Senator Klobuchar will encourage states to work with employers, unions, trade associations, and community colleges to develop stackable credentials for In-Demand fields that provide meaningful employment skills while building towards a degree.</p>