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Democratic Presidential Candidates' Education Proposals

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BIDEN

AFT RECOMMENDED

joebiden.com



Triple Title I funding

Use Title I funding to ensure that districts offer educators competitive salaries

Create community schools and expand these services for 300,000 students and their families

Provide debt-free community college for two years, or other high-quality training programs

Double maximum value of Pell Grants

Improve the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program to offer \$10,000 of student debt relief for every year of national or community service, up to five years

Provide universal pre-K for 3- and 4-year-olds

Provide funding to ensure early childhood education workforce is lifted out of poverty

Ban for-profit charters and increase accountability and transparency for current charters

Oppose diverting public funds for private school voucher programs



BLOOMBERG

mikebloomberg.com



The Bloomberg campaign has not released its education plan as of this printing. The campaign has indicated, however, that the expansion of charter schools will be included in its education plan once released.

As mayor of New York City, Mike Bloomberg had a complicated and often cantankerous relationship with our membership. While the United Federation of Teachers (AFT Local #2) was able to secure resources for our classrooms and children, and contracts that provided pay increases for educators, the mayor chose a school chancellor who disrespected—rather than supported—the city’s teachers and fixated on high-stakes tests, top-down dictates and charter schools, instead of focusing on students and their needs, including fixing, not closing, neighborhood schools.



BUTTIGIEG

peteforamerica.com



Triple Title I funding

Eliminate wage gap for teachers in Title I schools

Increase federal support for community schools

Provide automatic income-driven repayment plan, and allow debt cancellation through Public Service Loan Forgiveness and Teacher Loan Forgiveness programs

Provide tuition-free public college for families earning up to \$100,000 per year and subsidies for those making up to \$150,000

Increase funding and size of maximum Pell Grant award

Invest \$700 billion in universal free or affordable full-day early learning through age 5

Strengthen Head Start and after-school programs

Raise wages for early childhood educators

Ban for-profit charters and increase accountability and transparency for current charters

Oppose diverting public funds for private school voucher programs



GABBARD

tulsi2020.com



The Gabbard campaign has not released its education plan as of this printing.

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KLOBUCHAR

amyklobuchar.com



Create an equitable school infrastructure funding mechanism and convene a commission to review the states' existing funding formulas

Fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Establish partnership for federal government to match state funds to increase teacher salaries

Provide tuition-free community college and technical certifications

Allow students to refinance loans at lower rates, and expand Public Service Loan Forgiveness program for in-demand occupations

Double maximum value of Pell Grant award

Provide universal pre-K programs that would be free for low-income families

Ban for-profit charters and increase accountability and transparency for current charters

Oppose diverting public funds for private school voucher programs



SANDERS

AFT RECOMMENDED

berniesanders.com



Triple Title I funding

Ensure a minimum salary for teachers of \$60,000 per year

Provide \$5 billion per year for community schools

Eliminate tuition and fees at four-year public colleges, tribal colleges, community colleges, trade schools and apprenticeship programs

Cancel all student debt and establish interest-rate cap for future loans

Increase size of maximum Pell Grant award

Guarantee universal, high-quality child care, regardless of income, from infancy through age 3.

Provide universal pre-K education, regardless of income, starting at age 3.

Double the number of early childhood educators, and guarantee a fair and living wage for everyone working in early education.

Ban for-profit charters and increase accountability and transparency for current charters

End federal funding for new charters

Oppose diverting public funds for private school voucher programs



STEYER

tomsteyer.com



Triple Title I funding

Provide a 2-to-1 federal match for every new dollar states and districts spend on raising teacher pay

Invest in a network of 25,000 community schools by 2025

Provide free two-year public college and debt-free four-year college for low- and middle-income students

Allow students to refinance loans at lower rates

Expand Public Service Loan Forgiveness program

Provide free universal pre-K for 3- and 4-year-olds

Provide funding to ensure early childhood teachers are compensated like their K-12 counterparts

Ban for-profit charter schools and increase accountability and transparency for current charters

Freeze federal funding for new nonprofit charter schools

Oppose diverting public funds for private school voucher programs



WARREN

AFT RECOMMENDED

elizabethwarren.com



Quadruple Title I funding and increase Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funding by \$20 billion per year

Raise teacher pay through increasing Title I funding

Establish 25,000 community schools by 2030

Provide free two- or four-year public college

Invest additional \$100 billion in Pell Grants

Cancel up to \$50,000 in student debt for borrowers with an annual household income of less than \$100,000, with graduated debt relief for those making up to \$250,000

Establish universal child care and early learning for 12 million children, which would be free for low-income families and affordable for others

Support and fairly compensate pre-K teachers

Expand IDEA funding for 3- to 5-year-olds and early intervention services for toddlers and infants

Ban for-profit charters and increase accountability and transparency for current charters

End federal funding for new charters

Oppose diverting public funds for private school voucher programs

Make your voice heard

“ Our No. 1 goal is to elect a president who shares our values, and that means beating Donald Trump. But to win our endorsement, candidates will have to walk the walk, not just talk the talk. As we look ahead to Election Day, we are committed to engaging our members every step of the way.

—AFT PRESIDENT RANDI WEINGARTEN”

Since the AFT launched **Presidential Endorsement 2020** back in March, an endorsement process that calls for deep engagement and honest conversations between candidates and members, we have hosted 10 candidate town halls across the country, dozens of telephone town halls, member polling and surveys, and a first-of-its-kind presidential forum that focused on public and higher education with the top candidates.

We will continue to connect with as many members as possible in this political process, focusing on sustained community engagement over simple get-out-the-vote efforts. We want to hear from you. Please visit [AFTvotes.org](https://aftvotes.org). And **text VOTE to 69238*** to sign up to receive the latest information and upcoming events.

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