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Trump and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos are trying to force public schools to fully reopen before it is safe, even threatening to cut off federal aid to schools that do not reopen.

Trump canceled the GOP convention in Jacksonville, Fla., because of the risks to GOP delegates gathering in that coronavirus hotspot, yet he has demanded that children and teachers return to in-person learning in that same hotspot.

Trump and DeVos have proposed funding cuts for education every year during his administration.

Trump and DeVos have called for expanding charter schools and creating a new national private school voucher program, which would divert needed funds from public schools.

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Biden supports reopening public schools only when it can be done safely, with protections for the health of students, teachers and school personnel, including the necessary personal protective equipment for educators.

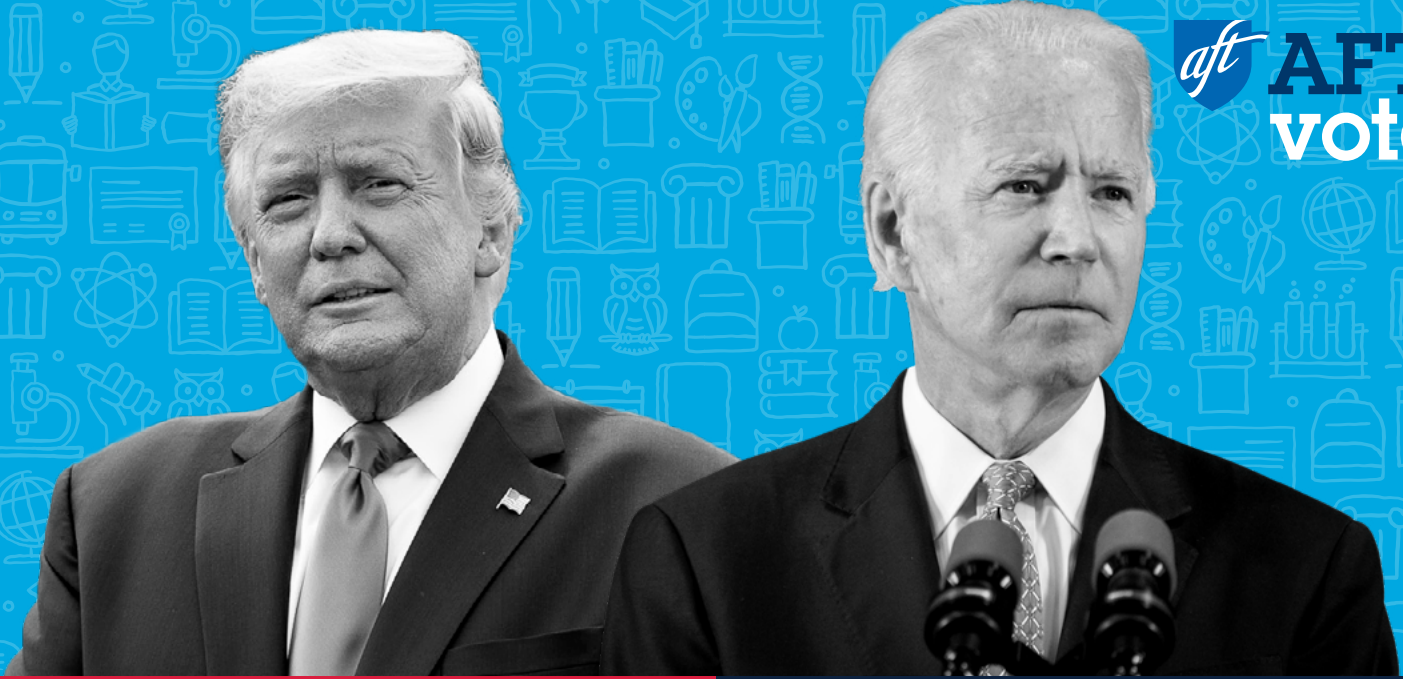
Biden agrees with the American Academy of Pediatrics and the AFT that "schools in areas with high levels of COVID-19 community spread should not be compelled to reopen against the judgment of local experts."

Biden will provide critical funds for public education, including tripling Title I funding, fully funding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, expanding the number of community schools, and providing universal pre-K.

Biden opposes private school vouchers and will ban for-profit charters while increasing accountability and transparency for current charters.



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Trump proposed cutting more than \$7 billion from education funding, including eliminating grants for teacher salaries and training.

Biden will help districts offer educators competitive salaries through use of additional Title I funds. Additionally, he will help fund professional development for teachers, paraprofessionals and school employees, and programs to address teacher diversity.

The Trump administration proposed cutting benefits for 3 million Americans, resulting in 1 million children losing access to no-cost school meals and 684,000 households with children losing access to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

Biden will increase SNAP benefits by 15 percent during the recession and expand other nutrition assistance programs, with options for online ordering.

Despite more than 14 million students having police in their schools but not a counselor, psychologist, social worker or nurse, Trump has directed funding toward hiring additional school police instead of counselors.

Biden will provide at least one full-time nurse and mental health professional in every school as part of an effort to create more community schools.

The Trump administration proposed eliminating the preschool development grant program that assists states in expanding and improving pre-K.

Biden will provide universal pre-K for 3- and 4-year-olds and ensure that the early childhood education workforce is supported by tripling Title I funding.

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