



BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION

Paraprofessionals & School-Related Personnel

President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris came into office facing unprecedented school personnel burnout, overwhelmed parents and anxious students. Together, with the help of school administrators and staff, they worked hand-in-hand with parents to deliver what kids need.

Invested in Our Students and School Personnel

- Made historic investments in Title I schools to promote competitive increases in staff salaries, fund community schools that provide wraparound services like afterschool programs and increase student mental health wellness by hiring more counselors, social workers and school psychologists.
- Signed bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act to increase investments in science, technology, engineering and math education and experiential learning so more students have access to career and technical education.
- Subsidized high-quality early childhood education, including providing universal pre-schools for all 3- and 4-year-olds and encouraged access to affordable child care.

Improved Our School Infrastructure

- Granted an additional \$120 billion in COVID-19-relief funding to address our schools' critical infrastructure needs, such as improved ventilation systems.
- Provided \$500 million over the next five years to support green-energy improvements at public school facilities.

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- Incentivized transition to zero- and low-emission school buses to reduce unnecessary air pollution in our communities and reduce maintenance and fuel costs, allowing our school districts to invest more of their budgets back into our students.
- Signed Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which included provisions to remove lead from our nation's drinking water supply at schools and child care centers.

Safely Reopened Our Schools

- Signed American Rescue Plan which included comprehensive COVID-19 safety measures, continually worked with school administrators and staff to make in-person learning safe and safely reopened 95 percent of schools by January 2022.
- Ensured all students—regardless of whether they were attending school in-person or remotely—had access to school meals.
- Distributed unprecedented \$122 billion in funding with guidance to prioritize spending on our students' mental health, their learning needs and school staffing shortages.
- Provided grants to state and local governments to assist in their response to COVID-19 "hot zones."

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