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

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

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• **ED Disperses Funds to Support Parents of Children with Disabilities:**

On Tuesday, September 13, the Department of Education (ED) **announced** an additional \$2.5 million investment to Parent Training and Information (PTI) Centers across the Country, including two additional grants awarded to new Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRCs) in Arkansas and New York.

• **Teacher-Principal Training and Recruitment**

• **ED Awards \$25M to Support and Strengthen Educator Workforce:**

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• **Child Nutrition**

• **Free Meals at School Pushed as Stopgap Funding Bill Addition**

Bloomberg Government (September 15, 2022)

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pandemic-era program that ran out this year and previously provided food to kids regardless of their income levels.

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- **House Subcommittee Holds Hearing on Youth Apprenticeships:** On Thursday, September 15, the House Small Business Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development held a hearing titled: “Back to School, Back to Startups: Supporting Youth Apprenticeship, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development.”

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1. COSSBA Policy Priorities

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)

ED DISPENSES FUNDS TO SUPPORT PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

On Tuesday, September 13, the Department of Education (ED) **announced** an additional \$2.5 million investment to Parent Training and Information (PTI) Centers across the Country, including two additional grants awarded to new Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRCs) in Arkansas and New York. These supplemental grants ensure that all families have the information and training they need to participate effectively in helping their children and navigating the special education system. "With these new grant funds, the Department of Education is continuing our strong support of the essential partnership between parents of students with disabilities and local schools. Parents, families, and caregivers must be equipped

with the quality information they need to advocate for their child and deeply engage in their child's education. That is truer now more than ever, especially as we know the pandemic impacted students with disabilities in profound ways," Secretary of Education Cardona said. Tuesday's announcement comes while Secretary Cardona is participating in the [Road to Success Bus Tour](#).

TEACHER-PRINCIPAL TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT ED AWARDS \$25M TO SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN EDUCATOR WORKFORCE

On Monday, September 12, the Department of Education (ED) **announced** new awards to help recruit, prepare, develop, and retain a strong, effective and diverse teacher workforce for classrooms across the country through the Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) grant program. This year's investment includes 22 new five-year grants totaling \$24.8 million through its TQP program. Recipients represent institutes of higher education and national nonprofits, including three HBCUs and one MSI. "At the U.S. Department of Education, we recognize the value of supporting our nation's educators, and we have a responsibility to providing resources and opportunities that promote a diverse educator workforce," said Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. He continued, "These programs help prepare, place, develop, and retain effective teachers and leaders in our schools and classrooms. Our students need quality educators now more than ever to address their academic and mental health needs."

CHILD NUTRITION

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2. Budget and Appropriations Wrap-Up

Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 ends on September 30. That means Congress has two weeks to pass legislation to keep the government running when FY 2023 starts. Congress has been working on developing a continuing resolution (CR) that will likely extend funding at FY 2022 levels (with a few exceptions) until December 16. Leadership had hoped to complete action on a CR last week, but left town for the weekend without reaching that goal.

There are disagreements about several unrelated policy and funding items that have delayed voting on the measure. Two of the biggest issues are whether to include environmental permitting legislation that Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) was promised a vote on in exchange for his support of the Inflation Reduction Act, and whether to include billions of dollars in emergency funding that the Administration has requested for COVID relief, Ukraine, and environmental disasters. The latest plan is for the Senate to try to pass a CR first, possibly with the permitting policy that Senator Manchin wants, or with the legislative text that was endorsed

by almost 40 Senate Republicans this week. Whatever the Senate can pass – likely next week – would then come to the House for a vote.

Despite Republicans and Democrats saying for months that they wanted to approve a CR before the mid-term elections, now some on both sides of the aisle are discussing the possibility of a government shutdown if they don't get what they want. Despite the threats, a shutdown wouldn't be good for either party, and Members are eager to be on the campaign trail—not in Washington, DC, dealing with a government shutdown.

How does this impact State School Board Associations?

The 2023 appropriations process, including the eventual CR, will ultimately determine how much money is allocated for the Department of Education and the programs that provide critical support at the district and school level. If a CR is passed through mid-December, the Department of Education will be funded at 2022 levels until 2023 spending bills are passed.

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HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE HOLDS HEARING ON YOUTH APPRENTICESHIPS

On Thursday, September 15, the House Small Business Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development held a hearing titled: "Back to School, Back to Startups: Supporting Youth Apprenticeship, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development." Witnesses included [Noel Ginsburg](#), founder and chief executive officer of CareerWise; [Deborah Kobes](#), senior director of Jobs for the Future (JFF); [Shani Watkins](#), director of West Sound Technical Skills Center; and [Jared Ebbing](#), economic development director for Mercer County, OH. Thursday's hearing explored innovative workforce development strategies targeted at young people that strengthen the labor force and expand opportunities. "Expanding youth apprenticeships and other types of Career and Technical education can provide young people with a comparable alternative to a four-year university education while bolstering the small business labor force," Subcommittee Chairman Jason Crow (D-CO) stated. Each witness provided the committee with policy recommendations that would

drive the expansion and quality of youth apprenticeship. Kobes suggested redefining “Youth Apprenticeship” as a registered apprenticeship program designed for serving youth ages 16-24 and incentivizing states to update K-12 policies, such as seat-time requirements, while Watkins recommended increased funding through the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. Members asked witnesses to elaborate more on how communities and Congress can encourage more young people to participate in youth apprenticeships, while highlighting several pieces of legislation they have introduced to increase awareness of and support for Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. An archived recording of the hearing can be found [here](#).

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Webinar: Bipartisan Public Education Framework for the Future (E&S)

Subject: The Aspen Institute Education and Society Program will host a webinar on an "Opportunity to Learn, Responsibility to Lead: A Bipartisan Public Education Framework for the Future."

Participants: Linda Darling-Hammond, president, California State Board of Education; Angélica Infante-Green, commissioner of education, State of Rhode Island; and Amy Sinclair, majority whip and senate education committee chair, Iowa State Senate.

Time/Location: 2:00 PM ET

Registration: Register [here](#).

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Hearing: House Education Subcommittee on Social Emotional Learning (E&S)

Subject: The House Education and Labor Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Subcommittee will hold a hearing on "Back to School: Meeting Students' Academic, Social and Emotional Needs."

Time/Location: 10:15 AM ET

Registration: Register [here](#).

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EdTech Research Update: What Schools Need to Know (E&S)

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9. Bills to Watch

Authorization Bills

H.R. 7309 *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2022*

Sponsor: Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA)

(5/17/22 Passed by House; 4/5/22 Passed by House Ed and Labor Committee;
3/31/22 Introduced in House)

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