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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.

*While Congress is in recess for the month of August, BPAG will publish a scaled back version of the weekly Education Report, and full updates will return on Monday, September 11, 2023.*

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1. **[News, Publications, & Updates on COSSBA Policy Priorities](#)**

• **[Teacher-Principal Training and Recruitment](#)**

- **[ED Promotes Teacher Diversity through National Convenings](#)**: On Monday, September 5, the Department of Education announced that it will host two convenings focused on educator diversity in an effort to extend its commitment to supporting school systems as they invest in their educator workforces.

2. **[New Publications](#)**

• **[School Funding Effectiveness: Evidence From California's Local Control Funding Formula](#)**

*Learning Policy Institute (August 29, 2023)*

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• **[The Federal Role in Ending Teacher Shortages](#)**

*Learning Policy Institute (August 16, 2023)*

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3. **In the News**

- **Final Title IX Rules Likely to be Pushed Beyond October**  
*K-12 Dive (August 31, 2023)*
- **White House Calls on Congress to Pass Short-Term Spending Measure to Prevent Shutdown**  
*The Hill (August 31, 2023)*
- **Scott Unveils Education Plan Stressing ‘Family First Culture’**  
*The Hill (August 29, 2023)*
- **The Pandemic Widened Gaps in Reading. Can One Teacher ‘Do Something About That’?**  
*The Associated Press (May 21, 2023)*

4. **Future Hearings & Events**

- **State Policy to Support Early Literacy Success**: The National Association of State Boards of Education will hold a webinar on advancing state policy to support early literacy success for young children.  
*September 11 at 2:30pm ET*
- **Polling on Paid Family Leave and Supporting Work**: The Bipartisan Policy Center will hold a virtual discussion on "Breaking Barriers: Poll Results on Paid Family Leave and Supporting Work."  
*September 12 at 11am ET*
- **Be Well: Centering Mental Health in Schools**: In the webinar hosted by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), a panel of school leaders, students, federal government officials, and experts will discuss the current state of student and educator mental health and policies we can collectively advocate for to improve the tools available to K-12 schools.  
*September 13 at 4pm ET*

5. **On The Floor of Congress This Week**

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## 1. COSSBA Policy Priorities

### TEACHER-PRINCIPAL TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT

### ED PROMOTES TEACHER DIVERSITY THROUGH NATIONAL CONVENINGS

On Monday, September 5, the Department of Education (ED) **announced** that it will host two convenings focused on educator diversity in an effort to extend its commitment to supporting

school systems as they invest in their educator workforces. The two events, the Teach to Lead Summit and the Conference on Equity in Opportunity, will take place in Denver, Colorado, beginning on Oct. 26, 2023, and bring together key educational leaders for national conversations about the importance of educator diversity in our nation's schools. During these events, ED will bring together educator development leaders to discuss key issues related to promoting educator diversity. The events are designed to lift effective practices and obtain additional insights from participating educators and organizations about how to elevate educator diversity in our nation's schools. “To Raise the Bar for learning conditions in our schools, we must make sure every student in every community has equitable access to outstanding educators who represent the diversity of the communities they serve and are well-supported, well-prepared, and fully empowered to lead in the classroom,” said Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. “Both of these events will provide educators, school leaders, and state and local officials with opportunities to share new and exciting ways to grow the workforce with additional diverse and talented educators. The Biden-Harris Administration will continue to work with state and local leaders to invest in our educators and provide students with the rich learning experiences and academically rigorous education they deserve.” Information on how to register for the Conference on Equity in Opportunity and the list of teams selected for the Powered by Teach to Lead Summit can be found [here](#).

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## **2. New Publications**

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#### **4. Future Hearings and Events**

##### **Monday, September 11, 2023**

###### **Webinar: State Policy to support Early Literacy Success**

**Subject:** The National Association of State Boards of Education will hold a webinar on advancing state policy to support early literacy success for young children.

**Time:** 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.ET

**Registration:** Register [here](#).

##### **Tuesday, September 12, 2023**

###### **Webinar: Polling on Paid Family Leave and Supporting Work**

**Subject:** The Bipartisan Policy Center will hold a virtual discussion on "Breaking Barriers: Poll Results on Paid Family Leave and Supporting Work."

**Participants:** Eleanor Mueller, economics reporter, Politico; Elliott Schreur, assistant secretary of the Maryland Labor Department; Erin Choquette, CEO, Connecticut Paid Leave Authority; and Karen Humelbaugh, director, Paid Leave Oregon.

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. ET

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**Participants:** Lindsay Burton, Associate Director, School Safety Task Force, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Melissa Schlinger, Vice President of Innovations and Partnerships, CASEL; Kim Karr, Executive Director, Digital4Good; Mary Pat Cumming, Principal, The FAIR School for Arts - Minneapolis, Minnesota; Tracy Wilson, Principal, Grand Haven High School - Grand Haven, Michigan; Robyn Taylor, Principal, Hutchison Career Center - Fairbanks, Alaska; Roderick Sheppard, Principal, Florence High School - Florence, Alabama; Mohammed Shedeed, Former Co-Facilitator, NASSP Student Mental Health Network, freshman at University of Pittsburgh

**Time/Location:** 4:00 p.m. ET

**Registration:** Register [here](#).

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#### **5. On The Floor of Congress This Week**

##### **Senate Floor:**

Consideration of nominations

## House Floor:

In recess until Tuesday, September 12

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