

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ***Building a Strong, Competitive 21st Century Economy***

INVESTING IN EXCELLENT TEACHERS

As we work to rebuild our economy and move our country forward, teachers will play a critical role in preparing our students to compete globally. It's time to treat teachers like the professionals they are by rewarding them for their talent and hard work and providing them with opportunities for professional development and growth.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will help retain and cultivate excellent teachers by saving and creating new **jobs** and providing teachers with the support they deserve. The legislation will:

Reward teacher excellence

- Provides \$200 million in funding for school districts that want to reward educators for outstanding performance or for taking on additional responsibilities and leadership roles.

Train and recruit outstanding teachers for classrooms that need them most

- Invests \$100 million to address teacher shortages and modernize the teaching workforce.
- Provides training for new teachers to help them improve overall student achievement.
- Enhances professional development activities for new teachers.
- Strengthens teacher recruitment and training efforts for prospective teachers.
- Improves the preparation of general education teacher candidates in order to more effectively teach students with disabilities.

Support for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act...

“Investments such as these will help ensure that generations of high school and college graduates are fully prepared for the challenges of the 21st century workplace. The initiatives will help to maintain and create new jobs for thousands of educators, nurses, construction workers and college students.”

-- **Randi Weingarten**, President, American Federation of Teachers

The economic recovery package invests more than \$120 billion in our nation's teachers and students and strengthens our schools, colleges, and libraries. The package would retrain displaced and unemployed workers, create new jobs by modernizing the country's classrooms, and increase America's competitiveness in the global economy.”

-- **Deborah Rigsby**, President, Community for Education Funding

“This funding will help America's schools provide needed instruction, teacher professional development and facilities to ensure a capable, 21st century workforce.”

-- **Reading Recovery Council of North America**