



The National Coalition of Educators

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The Honorable Miguel Cardona
Secretary of Education
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Secretary Cardona:

The National Coalition of Educators is delighted and inspired that President Joe Biden has followed through on his promise to select a public school educator for the Secretary of Education. With your background and experiences, we are confident the U.S. Department of Education will shift its focus to inclusive equitable education for all students.

The National Coalition of Educators (NCE) joins together eleven education professional organizations and groups who share a passion and desire to advance the opportunities and outcomes of the education profession. The constituent membership, representing the entire PreK-20 continuum of the educator profession, share a commitment to the preparation of high quality teachers for our nation's youth and improving student achievement. We collaborate in promoting high-quality, clinically based educator preparation grounded in evidence based research. NCE partner organizations have continuously advocated for a racially and socially just education system that addresses the opportunity gap and recruits more teachers of color into the profession.

The NCE comes together in the spirit of collaboration and cooperation with a strong recognition of the critically important work performed by each organization in supporting educators and advancing the profession. Our organizations have had

limited access and voice in the DOE regarding education policy that impacts teacher professional learning and development. We want to express our desire to be included in policy deliberations to share our collective expertise. The partner organizations of the NCE are designated at the bottom of this letter.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you and your team and will follow up in the near future with specific ideas for meaningful action. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the individual listed below representing our coalition and keep us in mind for ways we can contribute to your success as Secretary of Education.

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The following [NCE](#) member organizations have agreed to sign on to this letter:

- **Association of Teacher Educators** ([ATE](#))
- **National Association for Professional Development Schools** ([NAPDS](#))
- **American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education** ([AACTE](#))
- **American Association for Employment in Education** ([AAEE](#))
- **Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation** ([CAEP](#))
- **Kappa Delta Pi** ([KDP](#))
- **National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs** ([NACCTEP](#))
- **National Education Association** ([NEA](#))
- **National Collaborative for Digital Equity** ([NCDE](#))
- **National Teachers Hall of Fame** ([NTHF](#))