

# Federal Policy Priorities

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## Prepare Educator-Leaders for the Future

- Launch a pilot program in the reauthorization of the **Higher Education Act** to encourage the development of innovative, fully competency-based and personalized teacher and leader preparation programs.

## Increase Access and Affordability to Diversify Educator Talent Pools

- Address college affordability, persistence, and completion in federal student aid policies to **increase diversity of the educator workforce**.

## Expand the Innovative Assessment Pilot

- Remove barriers for states to participate in the **Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority (IADA)** by lifting the seven-state cap, by allowing adequate time for planning and statewide scale-up, and by making funding available for states to plan, develop and stage implementation of high-quality, innovative systems of assessments that include performance assessments to support competency-based pathways.

## Increase Equity in Broadband Connectivity

- Support continued expansion of broadband infrastructure and increased access to Wi-Fi in schools and homes by fully funding the **E-Rate** and **Lifeline** programs.