

DEAN'S PRIORITY:

A WORLD-CLASS PUBLIC EDUCATION

"We must ensure that the every American child receives a world-class public education – no matter their zip code. I've spent the majority of my adult life working to create more opportunity for students, and I will make that a top priority as a member of Congress."

- Dean Phillips

DEAN'S PLAN

Dean believes a world-class public education system is the foundation of the American promise. But with dramatic achievement gaps and declining resources, too many schools are struggling, too many teachers are overly burdened, and too many students are left behind. Here's Dean's plan:

FULLY FUND FEDERAL EDUCATION MANDATES

Increasing funding for federal mandates will be among Dean's top priorities when it comes to education. He supports the IDEA Full Funding Act, which would fully fund the federal government's portion of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act over a 10-year period. This would ease the financial burden on school districts help them hire teachers and support professionals, and equip them with the tools and training they need to succeed.

SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE TEACHERS

Dean supports teacher-preparation programs and other efforts to help recruit more candidates from under-represented communities into the profession. He also believes the federal government should support and build upon intensive mentoring programs during new teachers' first years, which will help them succeed and keep more of them in the profession. Dean wishes to elevate the esteem and compensation for teachers – which he believes to be the most important and impactful profession in our society.

EXPAND EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Dean supports increased investments in early learning opportunities, as research shows that every dollar invested can yield a return of up to seven dollars – once that child has become an educated and productive member of society.

MORE COUNSELORS AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Dean supports the expansion of full-service community schools and investments to increase the number of mental health professionals and counselors. This will help relieve the burdens on teachers and provide critical support for kids, which will ultimately save money – and lives.

ESTABLISH A RETIREE EDUCATION CORPS

Dean is proposing a national Retiree Education Corps that would recruit, vet, and train retirees and senior citizens to bring their expertise and life experience to schools and classrooms to support teachers and help kids learn.

