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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. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest:

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 - **Biden Administration Announces Actions To Strengthen Teaching Profession**

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TEACHER-PRINCIPAL TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT

BIDEN ADMIN ANNOUNCES ACTIONS TO STRENGTHEN TEACHING PROFESSION

On Wednesday, August 31, the Biden-Harris Administration announced new efforts to strengthen the teaching profession and support schools in their effort to address teacher shortages as the new school year begins. This announcement includes new commitments from leading job platforms to make it easier for Americans to find opportunities in the education field, and new initiatives from teachers' unions and national and state organizations to expand high-quality pathways into the profession for future teachers. Leading talent recruitment and job platforms, such as ZipRecruiter, Handshake and Indeed, are announcing a series of new actions to make it easier for states and school districts to source, recruit, and hire job seeking teachers and school professionals. In addition, national organizations representing teachers, state school chiefs, governors, and teacher colleges announced that they are working together to expand high-quality registered teacher apprenticeship programs, teaching residencies, and Grow Your Own programs. Read the Department of Education's press release [here](#).

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