

# EDUCATION NEWS UPDATE

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## June 17, 2022 Education News Update

### TEACHING & LEARNING

#### Faster teacher training options lack quality

An influx of alternative pathways to teacher certification hasn't yielded the expected influx of teachers. Many participants aren't finishing the programs, according to an analysis from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and The Center for American Progress. Plus the variety of programs also raise the issue of uneven quality, analysts note.

Madeline Will. "Alternative Certification Programs Are Booming. But Candidates Aren't Finishing." *Education Week*. June 7, 2022  
<https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/alternative-certification-programs-are-booming-but-candidates-arent-finishing/2022/06>

#### Compendium on helping students

This link leads to a collection of articles sharing insights on helping grieving school communities, ways to support learning recovery, data on combination math supports, newer tutoring methods, and learning solutions available. The *Education Week* Spotlight on Helping Students is a collection of articles hand-picked by our editors for their insights. [https://link.edweek.org/u/click?t=906a8a69677946baa91d513ad4ced85f&m=b7161312051e40a38d045d57bbf79d81&e=lkX0287E464HC3BQhLCTQ81GEaODOBi0x6xcn8TXtTG2AgxNvW8pfm6r-zY1GTcf7-VX6QO6b7NbSPtO0ekHIVnv9ZXU\\_cLNTswGd7nU7etZfQPSf3TccuMLzjY6UwZoGExue8FXDtcWoEkL6aV1uH4n6YfnfHM97eNkIgv1W5jjQ8REnsAb\\_BCXC9wuhVpkTungvhbB8mbBKBm351phBSFGT8hpKn-IDPTjv5Ppnj7jnfmlnY99O\\_Bf8WE8V\\_vgy0xDo4YXqxSp1Hw21Ok-0APDKvmijidYh-7eTjZ4jfVYM3eYznTlubDyBfxjHswflr1RY53P9yj1VGcxaiP\\_UjrgUvP-xMIz2xDtnZdYgOmCQ6IWltO371X1Fy-gRnBjNI4ywSUVzWskYOH7gPN2djd5u5-49PyuVZT0gESYcj7XHKn0HXKBoKWcBMW7yhJLaCcXcv9eDrGBQC3RcVBWg%3D%3D](https://link.edweek.org/u/click?t=906a8a69677946baa91d513ad4ced85f&m=b7161312051e40a38d045d57bbf79d81&e=lkX0287E464HC3BQhLCTQ81GEaODOBi0x6xcn8TXtTG2AgxNvW8pfm6r-zY1GTcf7-VX6QO6b7NbSPtO0ekHIVnv9ZXU_cLNTswGd7nU7etZfQPSf3TccuMLzjY6UwZoGExue8FXDtcWoEkL6aV1uH4n6YfnfHM97eNkIgv1W5jjQ8REnsAb_BCXC9wuhVpkTungvhbB8mbBKBm351phBSFGT8hpKn-IDPTjv5Ppnj7jnfmlnY99O_Bf8WE8V_vgy0xDo4YXqxSp1Hw21Ok-0APDKvmijidYh-7eTjZ4jfVYM3eYznTlubDyBfxjHswflr1RY53P9yj1VGcxaiP_UjrgUvP-xMIz2xDtnZdYgOmCQ6IWltO371X1Fy-gRnBjNI4ywSUVzWskYOH7gPN2djd5u5-49PyuVZT0gESYcj7XHKn0HXKBoKWcBMW7yhJLaCcXcv9eDrGBQC3RcVBWg%3D%3D) To access the articles, complete the form found on the opening page.

Spotlight on Helping Students. *Education Week*. June 2022  
[https://www.edweek.org/products/spotlight/spotlight-on-helping-students?utm\\_source=eb&utm\\_medium=eml&utm\\_campaign=spotlight&M=4445175&UID=dcf379af08119fa8d853cd6f688bfa](https://www.edweek.org/products/spotlight/spotlight-on-helping-students?utm_source=eb&utm_medium=eml&utm_campaign=spotlight&M=4445175&UID=dcf379af08119fa8d853cd6f688bfa)

#### Commentary: Make all students feel like they belong

An educational consultant writes that educators should routinely assess students to ensure they feel cared about and have a sense of belonging at school, just as they evaluate students for academic deficits and create necessary solutions. Pinpointing students who feel disconnected and preventing their alienation can reduce acting out and set them up better for success in school.

Jim Dillon. "Prevent violence by helping every student feel like they belong." *Smart Brief/Education*. June 13, 2022  
[https://corp.smartbrief.com/original/2022/06/prevent-violence-students-feel-like-they-belong?utm\\_source=brief](https://corp.smartbrief.com/original/2022/06/prevent-violence-students-feel-like-they-belong?utm_source=brief)

#### Politics & pandemic lead to leadership drain

The pandemic and political divisiveness have created a much larger-than-usual number of superintendent openings across the US -- and school districts should contemplate grow-your-own programs to prevent leadership voids when a superintendent leaves, says Paul Gausman, president of the Urban Superintendents Association of America (USAA) and the next superintendent of Lincoln Public Schools in Nebraska. The USAA and the Western Kansas Leadership Academy have developed a yearlong program to prepare school administrators for the top post. Matt Zalaznick. "Leadership void: Why districts are struggling to find new superintendents." *District Administration*. June 10, 2022  
<https://districtadministration.com/superintendents-why-school-districts-struggle-to-hire-new-leadership/>

#### Teacher commentary: Using data in special education

Special-education teachers must use data to assess student growth, writes a special-education teacher who offers strategies to make formal and informal data analysis part of daily practice.

Carleen Julian. "How are we doing? How do we know? Using data in special education." *Smart Brief/Education*. June 14, 2022  
[https://corp.smartbrief.com/original/2022/06/how-are-we-doing-how-do-we-know-using-data-in-special-education?utm\\_source=brief](https://corp.smartbrief.com/original/2022/06/how-are-we-doing-how-do-we-know-using-data-in-special-education?utm_source=brief)

#### How to use Google Maps in teaching and learning

Google Maps, primarily a navigation tool, has applications in teaching and learning as well, including to virtually explore historical, scientific and natural monuments, museums and other sites. Teachers can use Google Maps to have students plan a trip and share with the class, for example.

Luke Edwards. "What is Google Maps and How Can it Be Used to Teach? Tips & Tricks." *Tech & Learning*. June 13, 2022  
<https://www.techlearning.com/how-to/what-is-google-maps-and-how-can-it-be-used-to-teach-tips-and-tricks>

## **New data confirm that teachers and principals not doing well**

Teachers and principals feel anxiety and stress more than other working adults, a new study finds.

Madeline Will. "Stress, Burnout, Depression: Teachers and Principals Are Not Doing Well, New Data Confirm." *Education Week*. June 15, 2022  
[https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/stress-burnout-depression-teachers-and-principals-are-not-doing-well-new-data-confirm/2022/06?utm\\_source=nl&utm\\_medium=eml&utm\\_campaign=eu&M=4475438&UUID=dcf379af08119fa8d853cdc6f688bfc](https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/stress-burnout-depression-teachers-and-principals-are-not-doing-well-new-data-confirm/2022/06?utm_source=nl&utm_medium=eml&utm_campaign=eu&M=4475438&UUID=dcf379af08119fa8d853cdc6f688bfc)

K-12 education workers have the highest rate of burnout among professionals nationwide, according to the Gallup Panel Workforce Study. The burnout gap between K-12 educators and the rest of the American workforce is growing. The survey found that 44% of K-12 workers are "always" or "very often" burnt out at work, with teachers reporting the highest rate of burnout at 52%, and the second-highest rate of burnout was among college and university workers.

Matt Zalaznick. "Educators are the most burned-out professionals in the U.S., Gallup poll finds." *District Administration*. June 14, 2022  
<https://districtadministration.com/burnout-gap-k-12-teachers-us-workforce-growing-gallup-poll/>

New polling shows educators as the most burned out group among all other industries, and is the latest in a series of data points that underscores the fragility of the education workforce.

Lauren Camera. "Educators Report Highest Level of Burnout Among All Other Industries." *US News & World Report*. June 13, 2022  
<https://www.usnews.com/news/education-news/articles/2022-06-13/educators-report-highest-level-of-burnout-among-all-other-industries>

## **Analysis: Learning gaps aren't permanent**

Ohio researchers report that assessment scores indicate 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade students with disabilities and English-language learners have bridged English-language arts learning gaps stemming from the pandemic. While not all student groups showed this level of improvement, these results indicate that learning gaps can be reversed, especially when implementing resources and funding to close them, writes Vladimir Kogan of Ohio State University.

Vladimir Kogan. "Student Learning Recovering from Pandemic Losses, Ohio Data Show." *Education Next*. June 2022  
<https://www.educationnext.org/student-learning-recovering-from-pandemic-losses-ohio-data-show/>

## **Acting on student input directly linked to academic success**

New research has confirmed a link between acting on students' feedback and their academic success, strengthening arguments for incorporating student voice into school improvement efforts. Students benefit when they see their schools as "responsive" to their feedback.

Evie Blad. "Really listening to students has an academic payoff, new research finds." *Education Week*. June 16, 2022  
[https://www.edweek.org/leadership/really-listening-to-students-has-an-academic-payoff-new-research-finds/2022/06?utm\\_source=nl&utm\\_medium=eml&utm\\_campaign=eu&M=4492204&UUID=dcf379af08119fa8d853cdc6f688bfc](https://www.edweek.org/leadership/really-listening-to-students-has-an-academic-payoff-new-research-finds/2022/06?utm_source=nl&utm_medium=eml&utm_campaign=eu&M=4492204&UUID=dcf379af08119fa8d853cdc6f688bfc)

## **Principal turnover is related to teacher retention issues**

A new study connects principal tenure to teacher retention. The longer a principal stays in a school, the more likely that principal is to hire teachers who will stick around for a while.

Denisa Superville. "Why understanding principal turnover is important for teacher retention." *Education Week*. June 16, 2022  
<https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/stress-burnout-depression-teachers-and-principals-are-not-doing-well-new-data-confirm/2022/06>

## **FEDERAL/NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL**

### **\$500 million in federal funds designated to buy electric school buses**

The Biden administration recently announced the new funding for this year, in addition to \$5 billion in infrastructure act funds, for school districts to replace polluting diesel buses. But making the switch to electric will be challenging for some communities.

Kerry Murakami. "School Districts to Receive \$500M in Federal Funds to Buy Electric Buses." *Route Fifty*. June 12, 2022  
<https://www.route-fifty.com/infrastructure/2022/06/500m-grants-drive-cleaner-running-school-bus-purchases/368067/>

### **Resources to help US schools develop campus safety**

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency offers the K-12 School Security Guide Suite to help school leaders plan for or improve campus security. The suite explains the concept of layers of physical security, and the Federal School Safety Clearinghouse's SchoolSafety.gov site offers additional safety information.

Kaitlin Seale. "Free Federal Resources to Strengthen Campus Physical Security and Prevent School Violence." *Campus Safety Magazine*. June 13, 2022  
<https://www.campusafety.com/news/free-federal-resources-strengthen-school-security-prevent-violence/>

### **U.S.E.D. launches family engagement effort**

On June 14, the US Education Department introduced the National Parents and Families Engagement Council which will work to identify how families can better engage with local school districts to ensure students have the support they need to succeed. The council, which includes members from parent and family organizations nationwide, will hold its first meeting in the coming weeks.

Libby Stanford. "The Ed. Dept.'s New Parent Council: What Will It Do?" *Education Week*. June 14, 2022  
<https://www.edweek.org/leadership/the-ed-dept-s-new-parent-council-what-will-it-do/2022/06>

## Executive order seeks to protect LGBTQ people, including students

President Biden's latest executive order supports LGBTQ students and families by taking aim at state laws that discriminate against LGBTQ people. The order seeks to advance equality for them, but it remains to be seen how impactful the order will be for schools.

Libby Stanford. "Biden's order on LGBTQ equality: What educators need to know." *Education Week*. June 16, 2022

[https://www.edweek.org/leadership/bidens-order-on-lgbtq-equality-what-educators-need-to-know/2022/06?utm\\_source=nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=eu&M=4492204&UID=dcf379a08119fa8d853cdc66f88bfc](https://www.edweek.org/leadership/bidens-order-on-lgbtq-equality-what-educators-need-to-know/2022/06?utm_source=nl&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eu&M=4492204&UID=dcf379a08119fa8d853cdc66f88bfc)

## NEW YORK STATE

### Board of Regents to loosen teaching certificate restrictions

The state Board of Regents is loosening teaching certificate restrictions that currently make it more costly and time-consuming for those who want to teach at many grade levels. On June 13, the Board of Regents agreed on a "slimmer" all-ages literacy certificate, replacing the two existing certificates and halving the amount of time a teacher would need to spend to be certified to teach at all grade levels. It is intended to address a teacher shortage. The board is considering an all-ages literacy certificate, and then an all-ages special education certificate, as part of a comprehensive change to let many subject experts teach at all grades to help address a teacher shortage. The proposed new literacy certificate, which is now available for public comment for 45 days before a final vote, would allow teachers to do 50 hours of in-class teaching, instead of 100, to get certified for teaching all grade levels.

Kathleen Moore. "Board of Regents approves literacy teaching certificate change to address teacher shortage." *Albany Times Union*. June 14, 2022

[https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Board-of-Regents-approves-slimmer-teaching-17238657.php?PID=Times-Union-state-spotlight&utm\\_source=First-Read-Newsletters&utm\\_campaign=528ca076b0-First-Read-061422&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_252d27c7d1-528ca076b0-34743040&mc\\_cid=528ca076b0&mc\\_eid=bc2625d4e3](https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Board-of-Regents-approves-slimmer-teaching-17238657.php?PID=Times-Union-state-spotlight&utm_source=First-Read-Newsletters&utm_campaign=528ca076b0-First-Read-061422&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_252d27c7d1-528ca076b0-34743040&mc_cid=528ca076b0&mc_eid=bc2625d4e3)

### Regents: More sixth-graders could be taking algebra early

A growing number of advanced sixth-graders could be taking algebra courses typically taken by ninth-graders, under new rules tentatively approved on June 13 by a state Board of Regents committee.

John Hildebrand. "Regents: More sixth-graders could be taking algebra early." *Newsday*. June 13, 2022

[https://www.newsday.com/long-island/education/regents-exams-in-7th-grade#utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=non-subs-Morning-Update&ctc=7f80daea0ff17e08169c7036e559bbf4b9e7b92a72e79686b9188cc63f596bd4&utm\\_term=non](https://www.newsday.com/long-island/education/regents-exams-in-7th-grade#utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=non-subs-Morning-Update&ctc=7f80daea0ff17e08169c7036e559bbf4b9e7b92a72e79686b9188cc63f596bd4&utm_term=non)

### NYSED to ease Regents requirements for students with health needs

NYSED officials are planning to ease graduation requirements for students scheduled to graduate this month who faced schooling disruptions due to COVID or other medical reasons. A proposal from the State Board of Regents — expected to be approved on June 21 — would allow students who passed their course this year but failed or missed the corresponding Regents exam due to illness, injury or quarantine to request a "special determination" to graduate with a "local" diploma instead of a Regents diploma.

Amy Zimmer. "Proposal would help NY students who miss or fail Regents earn diplomas." *Chalkbeat/NY*. June 13, 2022

<https://ny.chalkbeat.org/2022/6/13/23166519/ny-regents-exams-local-diploma-graduation-requirements>

### 20,000 more NYS students home-schooled as one result of pandemic

The pandemic led to a quiet revolution in traditional K-12 public education: more than 20,000 children in NYS have left public school since the 2019-2020 year and are now taught at home, according to data from the NYSED.

Kathleen Moore. "Home schooling booms in New York as pandemic drags on." *Albany Times Union*. June 16, 2022

More than 1,400 Capital Region students left for home schooling during COVID-19; most aren't returning to public school

[https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Homeschooling-boom-17225512.php?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=headlines&utm\\_campaign=tu\\_capitolconfidential&sid=5931844424c17c09a3f115af](https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Homeschooling-boom-17225512.php?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=headlines&utm_campaign=tu_capitolconfidential&sid=5931844424c17c09a3f115af)