“We reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that all Americans have access to an affordable, high-quality education. To maintain our country's competitiveness, our students deserve a good education that empowers them with the knowledge, skills, and character necessary to reach their full potential. Each student is unique, with their own distinct experiences, needs, learning styles, and dreams. Thus, education must be customized and individualized as there is no single approach to education that works for every student.”

- President Donald J. Trump
The FY 2020 President’s Budget:

- Includes $64.0 billion in new discretionary Budget Authority
  - $7.1 billion or 10 percent decrease below the fiscal year 2019 appropriation.

- Provides $131.0 billion in new postsecondary grants, loans, and work-study assistance to help an estimated 12 million students and their families pay for college.

- Promotes fiscal discipline and supports priorities to improve the quality of education and prepare students for the workforce of the 21st century.

- Eliminates funding for 29 programs that do not address national needs, duplicate other programs, are ineffective, or are more appropriately supported with State, local, or private funds.
  - These proposals would decrease taxpayer costs by $6.7 billion.
MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

• Increase education freedom

• Support high-need students through essential formula grant programs

• Protect students by promoting safe and secure schools

• Elevate the teaching profession

• Promote workforce development for the 21st century

• Streamline and improve postsecondary aid programs
INCREASE EDUCATION FREEDOM

- **$500 million for the Charter Schools Program**, an increase of $60 million over the fiscal year 2019 appropriation, to support State and local efforts to establish and expand charter schools.

- **$107 million for the Magnet Schools Program** to increase educational options for students and families.

- **$50 million for Student-Centered Funding Incentive Grants** to help districts participate in flexibility agreements under Title I, Part E and implement more transparent funding systems where Federal, State, and local dollars follow each student.

- **Title I Direct Student Services set-aside raised from 3 percent to 5 percent** to encourage States to leverage more Title I funds to support public school choice.
“All students should have the freedom to pursue an education that develops their talents, unleashes their unique potential, and prepares them for a successful life.”

- Secretary Betsy DeVos

Education Freedom Scholarships would provide for a $5 billion annual federal tax credit for voluntary donations to state-based scholarship programs for elementary and secondary students.

- This is not a part of the Department of Education’s fiscal year 2020 budget, but rather is proposed in the request for the Department of Treasury.

Individual and business taxpayers nationwide contribute to student scholarships through state-identified Scholarship Granting Organizations. Such contributions are eligible to receive a non-refundable, dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit, but no contributor will be allowed a total tax benefit greater than the amount of their contribution.

This proposal would empower students and families to choose the best educational setting for them – regardless of where they live, how much they make, and how they learn.
SUPPORT HIGH-NEED STUDENTS THROUGH ESSENTIAL FORMULA GRANT PROGRAMS

- **$15.9 billion in Title I grants**, maintaining an historic level of funding for a program that provides critical additional support to students in high-poverty schools.

- **$13.2 billion for IDEA formula grants** to States to support special education and early intervention services for more than 7 million children with disabilities.

- **$737.4 million for English Language Acquisition formula grants** to implement effective language instruction programs to help English learners attain proficiency.
PROTECT STUDENTS BY PROMOTING SAFE AND SECURE SCHOOLS

- A total of $200 million for School Safety National Activities to provide grants and related technical assistance for States and school districts to develop school emergency operation plans, offer counseling and emotional support in schools with pervasive violence, and implement evidence-based practices for improving behavioral outcomes; of which
  - $100 million will be used for a new School Safety State Formula Grant program to help build State and local capacity to develop and implement interventions that enhance school safety, including recommendations from the Final Report of the Federal Commission on School Safety.
ELEVATE THE TEACHING PROFESSION

- **$300 million for Education Innovation and Research**, an increase of $170 million over the 2019 appropriation.
  - $200 million for demonstration projects that will test the impact of teacher professional development vouchers on the quality and effectiveness of classroom instruction.
  - $100 million for field-initiated projects to promote innovation and reform in STEM education.

- **$200 million for Teacher and School Leader Incentive Grants** to improve teacher induction and recognize and reward teaching excellence. This program would support performance-based compensation systems and human capital management systems that focus on:
  - High-quality mentoring or residencies for novice teachers; and
  - Increased compensation for effective teachers, particularly in high-need fields and subjects, such as computer science.
PROMOTE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

- **$1.3 billion for Career and Technical Education (CTE) State Grants** to promote and improve career and technical education in high schools, technical schools, and community colleges.

- **$20 million for CTE National Programs**, an increase $12.6 million over the fiscal year 2019 enacted level, aimed to improve the quality and effectiveness of CTE programs across states, including by supporting the newly authorized Innovation and Modernization grants that focus on STEM fields, particularly computer science.

- **$60 million increase for Adult Education National Activities** for Fast-Track Pre-Apprenticeships for Low-Skilled Adults. This proposal supports State efforts to create pre-apprenticeship programs that increase the number of adults able to meet the basic entrance requirements of apprenticeship programs.
STREAMLINE AND IMPROVE POSTSECONDARY AID PROGRAMS

- **Expand Pell Grant program eligibility** to students enrolled in high-quality short-term programs that lead to a credential, certification, or license in a high-demand field.

- **Reform the Federal Work-Study program** to support workforce and career-oriented training opportunities for low-income undergraduate students, instead of merely providing subsidized employment as a means of financial aid.

- **Consolidate multiple Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) plans** into a single plan.

- **Invest $1.8 billion for NextGen Servicing and Processing Environment**, a monumental student loan servicing upgrade undertaken by Federal Student Aid (FSA) to provide better service throughout the student loan lifecycle for approximately 42 million borrowers and the institutions they attend.