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Education Strategy
February 1998

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Budget Proposals

1. **Secure adequate funding for Administration priorities, including technology, STW, Goals 2000, charter schools, 21st Century Community Learning Centers after-school program, America Reads**

Legislative Proposals

1. **Enact Class Size Reduction Legislative as part of tobacco settlement**
 - o Unite Democrats behind Administration's proposal to help hire 100,000 teachers
2. **Enact Education Opportunity Zones legislation**
 - o At a minimum, unify Democrats behind a strategy targeted to high poverty communities of increased standards, ending social promotions, and turning around failing schools. *increased popular school choice*
3. **Enact Administration proposal for Teacher Recruitment and Preparation (Title V of HEA)**
 - o work with ED, NEC to secure passage of HEA reauthorization proposal, including Title V proposal
4. **National Test/NAEP reauthorization**
 - o If possible, secure authorization for national tests, as part of reauthorization of the National Assessment of Education Progress
 - o Secure reauthorization of the National Assessment of Education Progress even if tests cannot be authorized
 - o Secure appropriations for continued development of national tests, with or without specific authorization
 - o Develop strategy for advancing national test through nongovernmental entity, if necessary.
5. **Charter Schools Legislation**
 - o Secure enactment of legislation to expand charter schools program; legislation has passed House and is awaiting action in Senate
6. **Work with Education Department and Education community to oppose**

Congressional voucher proposals and to advance credible alternatives to strengthening public schools.

Develop Goals Follow-on / ~~Public~~ school Reform Block Grant Proposal
[Develop] Modernization Proposal for Title I / Part of ESEA
Non-Legislative

1. Continue DPC process for monitoring California Bilingual Education (Unz) Initiative and developing Administration position.
 - o Use this process to develop possible Administration proposal to reform/strengthen Federal bilingual education
2. Develop Executive Order to Strengthen Native American Education, working with DPC Interagency Group on Native Americans
3. Work with PIR and Education Department to make the case for diversity in Higher Education ; insure that low education initiatives are credited toward program under the Race Initiative.
4. School Report Cards/Parental Right-to-Know / Fixing Failing Schools
5. Highlight Administration's Education Agenda and Mobilize Support Among Key Constituencies
 - o Organize event with business leaders to promote high standards and employer use of high school transcripts and other indicators of student academic performance.
 - o Work with Intergovernmental Affairs to promote mayoral involvement in education, including through Mayors Conference on Public Education
 - o Hold White House Conference on Strengthening Public Education

Things we should be doing more of

1. Character Education

2. Safe and Drug Free Schools

- o energize process for strengthening program

3. continue to Work with NEC on modernization, mentoring and technology and higher education to ensure a coherent and coordinated approach to improving education

3. Work with NEC, ED and Labor Department to strengthen School-to-Work Program, make sure it accomplishes initial purposes, and ensure Administration receives appropriate credit for its successes.

Use Times / Century / Budget proposals to mobilize math/science/engineering community & math achievement.

7. Look for opportunities to encourage states to adopt/broaden charter schools leg.

8. National Board / Teacher Quality?

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Indian Education

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Immigration

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Math Strategy

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PRESIDENT CLINTON'S CALL TO ACTION FOR AMERICAN EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

To prepare America for the 21st century, we need strong, safe schools with clear standards of achievement and discipline, and talented and dedicated teachers in every classroom. Every 8-year-old must be able to read, every 12-year-old must be able to log onto the Internet, every 18-year-old must be able to go to college, and all adults must be able to keep on learning.

We must provide all our people with the best education in the world. Together, we must commit ourselves to a bold plan of action:

- ✓ **Set rigorous national standards, with national tests in 4th grade reading and 8th grade math to make sure our children master the basics.** *Goals ESEA*
- ✓ **Make sure there's a talented and dedicated teacher in every classroom.** *IV*
- ✓ **Help every student to read independently and well by the end of the 3rd grade.** *Reading*
- ✓ **Expand Head Start and challenge parents to get involved early on in their children's learning.**
- ✓ **Expand choice and accountability in public education.**
- ✓ **Make sure our schools are safe, disciplined and drug-free, and instill basic American values.**
- ✓ **Modernize school buildings and help support school construction.** *Hope, credits HED*
- ✓ **Open the doors of college to all who work hard and make the grade, and make the 13th and 14th years of education as universal as high school.**
- ✓ **Help adults improve their education and skills by transforming the tangle of federal training programs into a simple skill grant.** *Voc, Adult Reen*
- ✓ **Connect every classroom and library to the Internet by the year 2000 and help all students become technologically literate.**

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Community Schools

Education Meeting June 30

Legislative issues

1. Tax plan
 --Coverdell amendment
2. America Reads
3. Voc. Ed. Bill
4. Higher Education Bill
 --Title V
5. Appropriations mark-up
6. 760 Program letter/Hoekstra meeting

Events

1. July 2: Education Excellence Partnership/Camden Yards
2. July 25 (tentative:) State and City testing sign-up event

Issues

1. Race initiative/urban education working group

Education Meeting July 7

Issues

1. Testing
 - State/Local sign-up: 7/25
 - LEP issue
 - Goodling strategy
 - Appropriations strategy
2. Title V -- NAACP announcement
 - Budget
3. Failing Schools

Legislative Issues

1. Tax issues:
 - HOPE
 - Coverdell
 - Cardin
 - Graduate Student Tuition Waiver
 - TIAA-CREF
2. Appropriations mark-up
3. HEA Reauthorization -- timeline for review and transmittal
4. DC Voucher proposal from Brownback
5. America Reads
6. Hoekstra /760 programs

Upcoming Events

1. 7/17: NAACP Convention
 - Title V announcement
 - Riley message?
2. 7/25: State/local sign-up/NAESP
3. mid-August: Possible POTUS Charter Schools Announcement
4. HEA transmittal -- POTUS event?

ED Strategy

Education Strategy Meeting
July 27, 1997

1. Goodling amendment —

2. Other appropriations issues

3. Budget update

4. Title V

5. Tentative events: 8/15 + 9/8 — week of — prob not tent by

-- release Preparing Your Kid for College

-- Charter Schools \$ announcement

-- Technology Announcement — Sept —

-- Literacy

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