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Education remains a top-10 priority for the American people even during a divisive war and amid other competing national concerns. While presidential elections generally turn on issues other than schools and colleges, virtually all candidates for the White House emphasize education in their platforms. And the issue is especially salient for today's presidential candidates: The historic No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) has raised Washington's influence over the nation's public schools to unprecedented levels.

That is why Education Sector is offering the following eight education ideas for the 2008 presidential campaign. These ideas are neither Democratic nor Republican. Rather, they are pragmatic solutions to real problems that both parties can get behind.

- **Unlock the Pre-K Door:** Get poor and moderate-income kids off to a good start by giving them access to high-quality pre-kindergarten.
- **Offer Teachers a New Deal:** American teachers deserve a New Deal that treats them like true professionals.
- **Create a National Corps of "SuperPrincipals":** Establish a national corps of elite principals for our toughest schools.
- **Open New Public Schools in Low-Income Neighborhoods:** Increase the supply of high-quality public schools in educationally underserved communities.
- **Launch Learning into the 21st Century:** Create a Virtual Schooling Innovation Fund that gives all students access to high-quality courses, teachers, and learning opportunities.
- **Reward Hard-Working Immigrant Students:** Create a fast track to U.S. citizenship for undocumented students who graduate from high school.
- **Give Students a Roadmap to Good Colleges:** Starting in the 7th grade, give all students an annual guide that helps them pick the right college.
- **Help Students Who Help Others:** Assist students who pursue lower-paying careers in important fields by making it easier to repay their college loans.

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