



Joe Biden Is the Leader Working Families Deserve in the White House

Through a lifetime of public service, Joe Biden has developed a deep understanding of what our members, communities and country need. AFT members, like all Americans, want leaders who will help us keep good jobs with a secure retirement, expand our access to high-quality, affordable healthcare, and protect us from public health threats such as the coronavirus. We need a proven leader with experience at getting things done. Joe Biden is that leader.

Biden has laid out his plans to address the issues facing our nation.

ON THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, BIDEN WILL

- Create a federally funded State and Local Emergency Fund to provide resources and flexibility for responding to the immediate health crisis, its economic fallout, and the threats posed to maintenance of public preK-12 and higher education programs.
- Increase the share of Medicaid paid by the federal government.
- Give all frontline workers—including educators—sufficient high-quality and appropriate supplies of personal protective equipment, and the training to use it.

ON FUNDING PROGRAMS, BIDEN WILL

- Triple Title I funding.
- Create more community schools and expand wraparound services to 300,000 more students and their families.
- Use Title I funding to ensure that districts offer competitive salaries to educators.

ON MAKING HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABLE, BIDEN WILL:

- Cancel student loan debt for low- and middle-income borrowers who attended a public college or university or a private historically Black institution.
- Provide two years of debt-free community college or other high-quality training programs.
- Improve the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program to offer \$10,000 in student debt relief for every year of national or community service, up to five years.



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ON UNION RIGHTS, BIDEN WILL:

- Extend the right to organize and bargain collectively to independent contractors.
- Eliminate noncompete clauses, expanding protections for undocumented immigrants who report labor violations.
- End mandatory arbitration clauses.

ON HEALTHCARE, BIDEN WILL:

- Protect and build on the Affordable Care Act by giving every American access to affordable health insurance.
- Propose that drug companies negotiate with Medicare over drug prices in order to lower prescription drug costs.
- Support limiting launch prices and price increases for drugs that face no competition.
- Allow consumers to buy prescription drugs from other countries.
- Improve the supply of high-quality generics.

ON RETIREMENT SECURITY, BIDEN WILL:

- Encourage states to protect public pensions.
- Fund increases to Social Security by ensuring the wealthy pay payroll taxes on a greater share of their wages, not just the first \$132,900.
- Provide workers who work for 30 years with a benefit of at least 125 percent of the poverty level.

This election is about the soul of our country. We need to put decency over cruelty, compassion over fear and effectiveness over bluster, and support a leader with a proven track record: Joe Biden is the right leader at the right time.

