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**2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**OUR PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS ARE:**

- Early literacy
- High school success
- Just and supportive schools and communities

**DURING COLORADO'S 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, WE WILL ADVOCATE FOR POLICY CHANGE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

**TEACHER DIVERSITY**

- Increase pathways for educators of color to enter the teaching profession by:
  - Paying for licensure exam fees
  - Paying educators $22,000 for their time spent student teaching
  - Creating additional ways to demonstrate content & pedagogical competency
  - Ensuring stackable credentials for education experience and professional development

**TEACHER DIVERSITY (continued)**

- Ensuring school staff have the training and resources to implement trauma-informed education, de-escalation tactics, and equitable discipline practices
- Requiring thorough data collection on disciplinary actions
- Increasing funding for Expelled and At-Risk Student Services (EARSS) Grant

**EARLY LITERACY**

- Support educators by expanding science of reading training to school leaders and building administrators
- Identify opportunities to enhance tools for educators to communicate literacy growth with families

**RECORD SEALING**

- Remove barriers to housing and employment for thousands of Coloradans by automatically sealing records of non-violent offenders who have completed their sentence.
  - Automatically seal records that are currently eligible for sealing
  - Create a Task Force within the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) that is tasked with examining record sealing expansion

**SCHOOL DISCIPLINE**

- Address disproportionate discipline of students of color and students with disabilities by:
  - Streamlining existing measures of school climate for better accessibility and transparency

**SCHOOL FUNDING**

- Advance equitable school funding by updating the school finance formula and fighting for a new proxy for poverty

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