

# Solutions to Address the K-12 Education Crisis

The pandemic upended the US K-12 education system. The crisis, and the corresponding historic federal investment in education, presents a unique opportunity to advance learning recovery and address longstanding issues to ensure all K-12 students are equipped to succeed as productive, engaged citizens.

## IMPACT OF PANDEMIC

- **Largest achievement decline in 3 decades.**
- **Expanded achievement gaps. Students in high-poverty schools experienced greatest decline.**
- **Exacerbated attendance and mental health challenges, plus teacher shortages.**
- **Future value of income loss in lifetime earnings for students on all levels due to COVID disruptions could cost them collectively up to \$27.3 trillion over 25 years.**

Source: The Conference Board, 2023

## CED solutions to utilize the historic relief funding levels for K-12 education

**Personalize student learning, utilizing technological advances.**

**Expand capacity by engaging private sector.**

**Utilize data and technology for rapid evaluation and continuous improvement.**

**Invest in students early.**

**Grow the teacher pipeline utilizing apprenticeships.**

**Prepare now for future disruptions.**

**Reconnect students and families into the school system.**

**Strengthen awareness of and access to post-secondary pathways.**

**Establish a national taskforce to identify best practices.**

**Build school-wide capacity to address mental and emotional health needs.**

**Consider long-term funding sustainability.**