



Today, the Secretary of Education gave [a major address on teacher preparation](#). Below please find some suggested talking points you may want to use with the media if you receive any calls. We have prioritized them.

- Those who think we can reach the President's college attainment goals without the contribution of 21st century colleges of education would build our future on a fantasy.
- There are multitudes of outstanding education schools all across the country right now. Change is already here. Duncan just mentioned the tip of the iceberg. Let's talk about tomorrow, rather than the past.
- Let me tell you about my/our program:
- All programs (whether they are in school of education, run by school districts, Teach for America, etc.) should be held to the same standards of accountability as well as be charged to produce the most effective teachers possible. Shortcuts should not be acceptable for any program, and the highest standards should be applied to every program.
- The teacher preparation profession seeks to advance and advocate for reform through our work with the Congress, our membership, and hopefully the U.S. Department of Education. AACTE's intention has been to stoke the flame of innovation
- We think the Secretary can be a great source of inspiration for the future adoption of new, promising ideas for preparing an educator workforce of unparalleled capacity. The best way to do that is by constructive—rather than destructive—initiatives that will support transformative efforts through, for example, Race to the Top, i3 funds, and major new support through the ESEA reauthorization.
- We look forward to continue working closely with Secretary Duncan to replicate existing successes, to escalate the pace of change,