Ensuring that Every Child has Access to an Equitable, World-Class Education

$2 Billion Annual Investment to Raise Teacher Pay Above the National Average, Get Every Student Online, Expand Pre-K, and Eliminate Racial Disparities in Education

THE PLAN

As Virginia's next Governor, Terry will ensure that every student has access to an equitable, world-class education. His plan will invest a record $2 billion annually in education, which will raise teacher pay above the national average for the first time in Virginia history, give every 3 and 4-year-old in need access to pre-k, and get every student online. Terry will also address Virginia's educator shortage and diversify our educator workforce through his Lucy Simms Educator Program. The Lucy Simms Program will cover education costs for students who commit to teaching for five years in one of Virginia's public schools after graduation. Terry will also fight to make Virginia the best state in the nation for STEM-H and computer science education.

TERRY'S RECORD

As Virginia's 72nd Governor, Terry invested a record $1 billion in Virginia's K-12 system, redesigned the high school experience with an eye toward workforce readiness, and eliminated five SOLs. To prepare students for jobs of the future, Terry expanded pre-k to thousands of students and signed the first law in the U.S. mandating computer science education for all K-12 students. Terry and his wife Dorothy also fought tirelessly to combat childhood hunger, and as a result, nearly 13 million school meals were served each year.

THE WORK AHEAD

- Pay educators what they deserve and raise teacher pay above the national average for the first time in Virginia's history.
- Ensure the more than 41,000 3 and 4-year-olds in need get access to pre-k.
- Get every student online by making a $75 million per year investment in broadband to expand access and lower monthly costs.
- Address modern-day segregation in schools and create an Education Equity and Innovation Commission, Fund, and a school integration officer.
- Make Virginia the best state in the nation for STEM-H and computer science education by integrating these skills and principles across grade levels and subject areas.
- Promote career readiness with investments in Career and Technical Education and building internships and apprenticeships into curricula.