

EDUCATION

"As a nation, we must invest in our youth and ensure they have every tool and opportunity to succeed in the global economy." - Congressman John B. Larson

To compete in the global economy, we need the world's finest education system. While we have had some of the best schools and teachers in the world, we are now struggling to keep pace with some of our economic competitors.

In order to build a competitive workforce for the future, we should invest in our children's education from early childhood education through higher education. Research tells us that children who receive early education like preschool and pre-k have a marked advantage over those who don't. Every American child should have that opportunity. For children with disabilities, we need to fully fund and support special education programs. And, with the rising cost of college we need to find ways to make higher education more universally accessible.

Finally, we must take a long look at No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and reform it to meet the needs of our students while providing appropriate accountability standards.