

Digital Promise Applauds Passage of the American Rescue Plan

March 11, 2021 | **Washington, D.C.** – A statement on behalf of Digital Promise President and CEO Jean-Claude Brizard:

"Digital Promise is pleased that the American Rescue Plan passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by President Biden today. With more than \$122 billion allocated specifically toward resources for school districts, including a requirement that 20 percent be set aside for mitigating learning loss, it represents a significant investment in the American education system and an important step toward closing the homework gap for the most vulnerable students quickly.

"As proven this year, technology and internet access are fundamental tools in education, but by themselves, they're insufficient. Districts and states should see this bill as an opportunity to not just address immediate needs, but to spur innovative ways of delivering teaching and learning that leverages technology, with the goal of meeting the needs of all learners, empowering and supporting educators, and laying a more equitable foundation for successful futures for every student.

"Digital Promise has the thought leadership, experience, and tools to help districts and states create and implement these plans. We stand ready to help effectively close the Digital Learning Gap and improve outcomes for children everywhere."

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About Digital Promise

Digital Promise is a nonprofit organization that builds powerful networks and takes on grand challenges by working at the intersection of researchers, entrepreneurs, and

educators. Our vision is that all people, at every stage of their lives, have access to learning experiences that help them acquire the knowledge and skills they need to thrive and continuously learn in an ever-changing world. For more information, visit the Digital
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