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COMING ATTRACTIONS

- *Hearing on the Impact of the No Child Left Behind Act on Teacher Quality, Recruitment, Retention, and Distribution*
Tuesday, April 11, 2006
9:30 am Pacific Standard Time
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, California
Convened by the Commission on No Child Left Behind

Individuals and organizations may submit written comments for the hearing record, but all comments must be received **by COB April 18, 2006**. See [press release](#) for further details.

SOME OF THE TOP STORIES

Report warns that 23% of public college graduates and 38% from private colleges could not manageably repay their student loans if they became teachers

- *Paying Back, Not Giving Back: Student Debt's Negative Impact on Public Service Career Opportunities*
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Nearly 9 percent of Boston teachers do not meet highly-qualified teacher requirements

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Legislative audit finds that school districts in New Mexico with highest concentrations of Native American students have lowest concentrations of qualified, experienced teachers

Recommendations include creation of an Indian education teacher corps to increase the supply of qualified teachers

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State of New Mexico, Legislative Finance Committee, March 28, 2006, 22 pp.
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USDE outlines procedures and timeline that will be used to review states' progress in meeting the highly-qualified teacher goal

- [March 21, 2006 letter to chief state school officers](#) regarding highly-qualified teacher provisions
- [Protocol](#) for USDE review to determine which states must submit revised HQT plans
- [Protocol](#) for USDE review of revised HQT plans

Federal student loan forgiveness program is made permanent for certain full-time secondary math, science, and special education teachers in high-poverty schools

- March 2006 letters sent to school districts and private school associations regarding student loan forgiveness available for certain full-time secondary school teachers:
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