Strengthening America's education system is important to promoting our economic security and ensuring our democracy. I support improving education by increasing state flexibility in administering federal standards, strengthening the role of parents, promoting accountability and providing sufficient resources to schools and teachers. I believe preparing young people with the skills and knowledge to compete in a global economy requires an increased focus on science, technology, engineering and math. I am committed to ensuring our children have access to quality education and the opportunity to succeed in the 21st Century.