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The Role of Higher Education in the Recruitment, Preparation, and Support of Teachers in High Need Areas: Lessons from the Buffalo State College Center for Excellence in Urban & Rural Education

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## 5. Abstract

This paper documents the development of the Buffalo State College Center for Excellence in Urban & Rural Education whose mission is dedicated to the enhancement of high need urban and rural schools through the recruitment, education, and retention of qualified effective educators. To support educational reform and improvement, the Center partners with schools, communities, institutions of higher learning and other constituencies. In particular, the paper addresses three questions: (1) What impact can higher education have on reforming public schools through more effective teacher recruitment, preparation, and support? (2) Is a center dedicated to teacher education, located at an institution of higher education able to address the many problems facing high need areas? (3) Does higher education's distance from the public schools allow for greater perspective or does the distance marginalize higher education from taking an active and effective role?