



Democrats outline education agenda priorities

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Are the pledges possible to fulfill?

"Politically it's very difficult," said Michael Rebell, an expert in the law at Columbia University's Teachers College. "Nobody wants to be the one to say that I'm going to leave any children behind."

