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According to a recent report, the country is on the edge of a teacher shortage crisis.



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The Learning Policy Institute estimates a shortage of more than 100,000 teachers by 2025.

Reasons include layoffs during the recession, resignations over job frustrations, poor salaries, and poor work conditions.

"What we found with the recession is a lot of times, the student-teacher ratio started to go up, and we started to see funding issues that state legislatures and school districts had to grapple with," says Dr. Dean Cantu from the Department of Teacher Education.

In Peoria, a drop in student enrollment has the district reassigning 14 teachers who had taught at the recently closed contemporary school.

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