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### 5 questions you should ask your school counselor when applying for college

Student Loan Hero

Do you know who your high school counselor is? If your answer is no, you aren't alone. According to a five-year study by YouthTruth, just 60 percent of seniors and 32 percent of juniors received counseling on how to apply for college. Only 44 percent of seniors and 23 percent of juniors asked their counselor about how to pay for school. But counselors have a wealth of knowledge to share and their support can help you through the college application process. So, instead of going it alone, reach out to your school counselor about college admissions and financial aid. [READ MORE](#)

**RHODE ISLAND NEWS**

## 5 steps to amazing school enrichment programming

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School Leaders Now

When you walk through a school with great community school enrichment programs, you can find students playing chess, strumming guitars, and laughing in an improv theater group — all under the instruction of parents and community members. When students participate in community school programming, they experience impressive gains in areas of academics, social and emotional development, prevention of risky behaviors, and health and wellness. [READ MORE](#)

## ESY programs: The summer slide, eligibility and instruction

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By: Howard Margolis (commentary)

It's anxiety time. Summer is around the corner, and the crunch of IEP season has started. You, like thousands of parents of struggling learners, might be antagonizing over another summer slide: "This summer, will Harold again forget so much of what he learned that he'll struggle for months to relearn this cement his resistance to learning?" It might. But if he's properly educated over the summer, he's less likely to suffer the summer slide. [READ MORE](#)

## How much homework is too much for our teens?

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U.S. News & World Report

Today's teens are under a lot of pressure. They're under pressure to succeed, to win, to be the best to get into the top colleges. With so much pressure, is it any wonder today's youth report being under as much stress as their parents? In fact, during the school year, teens say they experience stress levels higher than those reported by adults, according to a previous American Psychological Association "Stress in America" survey. [READ MORE](#)

## Data analysis finds charters more inclusive for special education students

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THE Journal

Charter schools tend to serve more students with disabilities in more inclusive settings. Nearly 85 percent of students with disabilities in charter schools attended class in general education classrooms for 80 percent more of their day compared to 68 percent of students with disabilities in traditional public schools. T

findings were shared in a new report produced by the National Center for Special Education in Charter Schools, a non-profit formed in 2013 to advocate for students with "diverse learning needs." [READ](#)

## Study: Fewer suspensions can lead to better attendance rates and test scores

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Education DIVE

The efforts at reform discipline policies and practices that began in the Obama-era were designed to reported racial inequities in the way harsher punishments, such as out-of-school suspensions and expulsions, were meted out. Since that time, research on the effect of these policies has been sparse and contradictory. The studies also sometimes fail logically. For instance, reducing the number of out-of-school suspensions, by definition, must increase school attendance rates because students are in school more often. Sound in-school suspension policies, however, can allow students to make the most of their time away from their regular classroom settings. [READ MORE](#)

## Childhood aggression linked to deficits in executive function

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Frontiers via Science Daily

Researchers find that primary school children with reduced cognitive skills for planning and self-regulation are more likely to show increased aggression in middle childhood. The study examined the relationship between aggression and executive function — a measure of cognitive skills that allow a person to achieve goals by controlling their behavior. The results suggest that helping children to increase their executive function can reduce their aggression. [READ MORE](#)

## How schools can prevent trauma during emergency exercises

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District Administration Magazine

School leaders everywhere have experienced parent, staff and student anxiety about school safety in the wake of the tragic attack at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. While these emotionally charged climates are understandable, making knee-jerk decisions with a "do something, do anything, do it now" mantra can lead to high-risk, high-liability actions that administrators and boards may regret down the road. [READ MORE](#)

## ■ TRENDING ARTICLES

Missed last week's issue? See which articles your colleagues read most.

- [Democrats seek more money for mental health services, counseling in schools](#) (Education Week)
- [5 strategies to develop mental health models in schools](#) (Counseling Today)
- [A deeper look at the whole school approach to behavior](#) (MindShift)
- [Five ways to build stronger, more inclusive work opportunities for students](#) (The Hechinger Report)
- [To strengthen IEPs, stop blaming, start solving](#) (By: Howard Margolis)

## Students who are old for their grade more likely to enroll in college

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American Psychological Association via Science Daily

Teens who are old for their grade appear to feel more confident about their academic abilities and are more likely to enroll in college than their younger peers, according to research published by the American Psychological Association. The study analyzed data from more than 10,000 Australian students who were tracked over a decade and found that the relative age of students in their grade had significant effects. This issue should be considered by government agencies, schools, teachers and parents, especially in the context of strict regulations about school starting age for students, said lead author Philip D. Parker, PhD, an associate professor of psychology at Australian Catholic University. [READ MORE](#)

## Doing poorly on purpose: Why smart kids choose not to do well in school

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Teaching Channel (commentary)

James R. Delisle, a contributor for Teaching Channel, writes: "As a teacher myself, I feel your pain. A capable student chooses — yes, chooses — not to perform well academically. Cajole as we might (and do...) to convince kids like these on the merits of academic accomplishment, many of them look at us with that blank expression of adolescence that speaks volumes in its silence." [READ MORE](#)

## US high school students should take exit exams

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Bloomberg View

America's high schools have a credibility problem: The country's graduation rate is at a record high, but many students are receiving diplomas without earning them. The most straightforward solution is to require all high-schoolers to pass exit examinations before graduating. A national push to boost high-school

graduation rates began a decade ago, spurred by fears that urban high schools had turned into "drc factories." The federal government made graduation rates a benchmark of schools' progress. In son districts, graduation rates affect the pay of principals and school administrators and determine whethl underperforming schools are shut down. [READ MORE](#)

## Student bullying is down significantly

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U.S. News & World Report

The percentage of students reporting that they've been bullied has dropped by more than a third sin according to federal data. The new figures say that 20.8 percent of students reported being bullied i continuing a downward trend that dates back to 2007, when 31.7 percent of students reported being A similar — though not as significant — decrease was also seen in students reporting being called a related word, with the 7.2 percent reporting such an experience in 2015 down from some 9.7 percer 2007. [READ MORE](#)

## Institutional innovation: The classroom of the future for all types of students

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Education DIVE

When it comes to how higher education leaders can get more students to their institutions, the same comes up over and over again — build partnerships with local K-12 districts. A plethora of these typ examples exist in everything from summer camps for high school students to mentorship programs. what if your institution could build a far-reaching partnership with hundreds of businesses, several s districts, other universities and the local community at the same time? [READ MORE](#)

## Is high school student speech protected on social media?

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Constitution Daily

In the wake of National Walkout Day, students involved in sanctioned and unsanctioned demonstrat voicing their opinions on social media. But at what points could those opinions cause problems at sc So far, there haven't been any media reports of schools suspending or disciplining students for com on social media criticizing administrators. But with another protest scheduled for April 19, the debate National Walkout Day isn't going away. And at one Pennsylvania school, a video shot by students pi

at a National Walkout Day detention is nearing 3 million online views. [READ MORE](#)

## Students with emotional disabilities: Facts about this vulnerable population



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Education Week

The academic past of Nikolas Cruz, the accused mass shooter at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High in Parkland, Fla., was littered with red flags suggesting serious emotional problems. News outlets that reviewed Cruz's disciplinary records and interviewed his teachers paint a picture of a young man prone to violent outbursts and fascinated with weapons. In high school, he spent time in a Broward County public school that specializes in serving students with emotional and behavioral disabilities. [READ MORE](#)

## College students share must-do's for high school juniors



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U.S. News & World Report

A successful college application typically involves months of hard work, which often begins during a student's junior year of high school. If you are a junior who has not yet started to build your application, make plans to begin this spring. To help you achieve this goal, two current college students recently shared their must-complete tasks. These three areas of focus are crucial for any college-bound junior. [READ MORE](#)

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### School on a Saturday? It might happen for some Massachusetts districts



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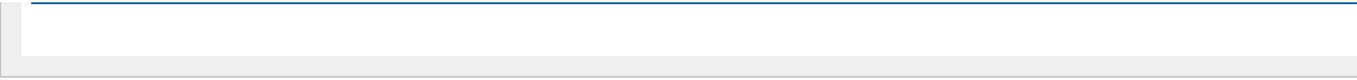
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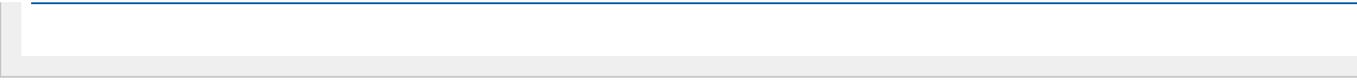
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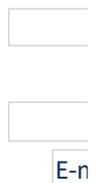


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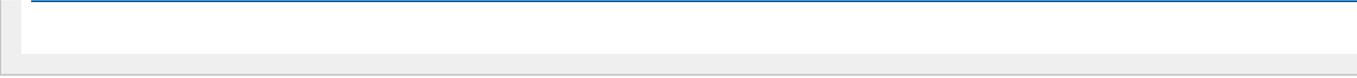
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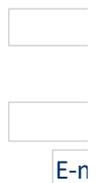


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Do you know who your high school counselor is? If your answer is no, you aren't alone. According to a five-year study by YouthTruth, just 60 percent of seniors and 32 percent of juniors received counseling on how to apply for college. Only 44 percent of seniors and 23 percent of juniors asked their counselor about how to pay for school. But counselors have a wealth of knowledge to share and their support can help you through the college application process. So, instead of going it alone, reach out to your school counselor about college admissions and financial aid. [READ MORE](#)

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### 5 steps to amazing school enrichment programming



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By: Howard Margolis (commentary)

It's anxiety time. Summer is around the corner, and the crunch of IEP season has started. You, like thousands of parents of struggling learners, might be antagonizing over another summer slide: "This summer, will Harold again forget so much of what he learned that he'll struggle for months to relearn this cement his resistance to learning?" It might. But if he's properly educated over the summer, he's to suffer the summer slide. [READ MORE](#)

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U.S. News & World Report

Today's teens are under a lot of pressure. They're under pressure to succeed, to win, to be the best get into the top colleges. With so much pressure, is it any wonder today's youth report being under a stress as their parents? In fact, during the school year, teens say they experience stress levels higher than those reported by adults, according to a previous American Psychological Association "Stress in America" survey. [READ MORE](#)

## Data analysis finds charters more inclusive for special education students

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THE Journal

Charter schools tend to serve more students with disabilities in more inclusive settings. Nearly 85 percent of students with disabilities in charter schools attended class in general education classrooms for 80 percent more of their day compared to 68 percent of students with disabilities in traditional public schools. The findings were shared in a new report produced by the National Center for Special Education in Charter Schools, a non-profit formed in 2013 to advocate for students with "diverse learning needs." [READ MORE](#)

## Study: Fewer suspensions can lead to better attendance rates and test scores

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Education DIVE

The efforts at reform discipline policies and practices that began in the Obama-era were designed to address reported racial inequities in the way harsher punishments, such as out-of-school suspensions and expulsions, were meted out. Since that time, research on the effect of these policies has been sparse and contradictory. The studies also sometimes fail logically. For instance, reducing the number of out-of-

suspensions, by definition, must increase school attendance rates because students are in school more often. Sound in-school suspension policies, however, can allow students to make the most of their time away from their regular classroom settings. [READ MORE](#)

## Childhood aggression linked to deficits in executive function

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Frontiers via Science Daily

Researchers find that primary school children with reduced cognitive skills for planning and self-regulation are more likely to show increased aggression in middle childhood. The study examined the relationship between aggression and executive function — a measure of cognitive skills that allow a person to achieve goals by controlling their behavior. The results suggest that helping children to increase their executive function skills can reduce their aggression. [READ MORE](#)

## How schools can prevent trauma during emergency exercises

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School leaders everywhere have experienced parent, staff and student anxiety about school safety in the wake of the tragic attack at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. While these emotionally charged climates are understandable, making knee-jerk decisions with a "do something, do anything now" mantra can lead to high-risk, high-liability actions that administrators and boards may regret down the road. [READ MORE](#)

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## Students who are old for their grade more likely to enroll in college

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American Psychological Association via Science Daily

Teens who are old for their grade appear to feel more confident about their academic abilities and are more likely to enroll in college than their younger peers, according to research published by the American Psychological Association. The study analyzed data from more than 10,000 Australian students who were tracked over a decade and found that the relative age of students in their grade had significant effects. This issue should be considered by government agencies, schools, teachers and parents, especially in areas with strict regulations about school starting age for students, said lead author Philip D. Parker, PhD, an associate professor of psychology at Australian Catholic University. [READ MORE](#)

## Doing poorly on purpose: Why smart kids choose not to do well in school

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Teaching Channel (commentary)

James R. Delisle, a contributor for Teaching Channel, writes: "As a teacher myself, I feel your pain when a capable student chooses — yes, chooses — not to perform well academically. Cajole as we might (and do...) to convince kids like these on the merits of academic accomplishment, many of them look at us with that blank expression of adolescence that speaks volumes in its silence." [READ MORE](#)

## US high school students should take exit exams

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Bloomberg View

America's high schools have a credibility problem: The country's graduation rate is at a record high, but many students are receiving diplomas without earning them. The most straightforward solution is to require all high-schoolers to pass exit examinations before graduating. A national push to boost high-school graduation rates began a decade ago, spurred by fears that urban high schools had turned into "dropout factories." The federal government made graduation rates a benchmark of schools' progress. In some districts, graduation rates affect the pay of principals and school administrators and determine whether underperforming schools are shut down. [READ MORE](#)

## Student bullying is down significantly



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The percentage of students reporting that they've been bullied has dropped by more than a third since 2007, according to federal data. The new figures say that 20.8 percent of students reported being bullied in 2015, continuing a downward trend that dates back to 2007, when 31.7 percent of students reported being bullied. A similar — though not as significant — decrease was also seen in students reporting being called a slur or a related word, with the 7.2 percent reporting such an experience in 2015 down from some 9.7 percent in 2007. [READ MORE](#)

## Institutional innovation: The classroom of the future for all types of students



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When it comes to how higher education leaders can get more students to their institutions, the same answer comes up over and over again — build partnerships with local K-12 districts. A plethora of these types of examples exist in everything from summer camps for high school students to mentorship programs. What if your institution could build a far-reaching partnership with hundreds of businesses, several school districts, other universities and the local community at the same time? [READ MORE](#)

## Is high school student speech protected on social media?



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In the wake of National Walkout Day, students involved in sanctioned and unsanctioned demonstrations are voicing their opinions on social media. But at what points could those opinions cause problems at school? So far, there haven't been any media reports of schools suspending or disciplining students for comments on social media criticizing administrators. But with another protest scheduled for April 19, the debate over National Walkout Day isn't going away. And at one Pennsylvania school, a video shot by students protesting at a National Walkout Day detention is nearing 3 million online views. [READ MORE](#)

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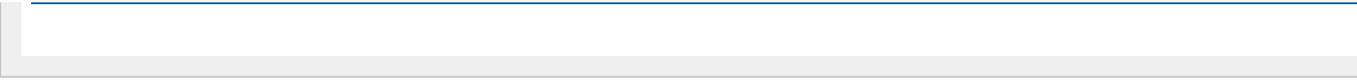
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The State

A South Carolina House bill would levy a 7 percent fee on firearm sales. Money generated from those sales—estimated at \$19.5 million a year—would be funneled into a school safety fund at the Education Department to be spent solely on school resource officers. [Read more>>](#)

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### Should the National Guard help protect N.C. schools?

The News & Observer

The National Guard has been called on over the years to restore the peace after natural disasters and other emergencies, but few North Carolina school board members think it's time to deploy soldiers at schools as a security measure.

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## Kentucky Senate approves Holocaust instruction measure

WEKU

Legislation assuring that Kentucky public school students will be taught about the Holocaust has won final passage in the general assembly. The bill requires every public middle and high school to provide instruction on the Holocaust and other acts of genocide. [Read more>>](#)

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## How Indianapolis is wooing experienced teachers

Chalkbeat

In the latest sign of the convergence between Indianapolis Public Schools and the city's charter schools, the district is joining with the Office of Mayor Joe Hogsett for a campaign to recruit educators to Indianapolis. [Read more>>](#)

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## Ohio voters want a later start to the school year

The Plain Dealer

A survey found that a majority of Ohio voters, including both parents and teachers, support starting the school year later in the summer—in contrast to a statewide trend that has more districts opening earlier, as early as the first week of August.

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## Budget to increase Alabama school spending advances

AL.com

The House of Representatives approved a compromise version of the 2019 education budget, a plan that would boost spending from the Education Trust Fund by \$216 million over this year, about a 3 percent increase. The budget calls for spending \$6.6 billion the Education Trust Fund, the second largest amount ever. [Read more>>](#)

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## K12 educator attendance incentives

Nancy Mann Jackson

While teacher absenteeism is sometimes unavoidable, schools across the country are following varied strategies toward higher attendance. [Read more>>](#)

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### Can money attract more minorities into the teaching profession?

Brookings

Offering relocation assistance appears to be the strongest predictor of a more diverse teacher workforce, followed closely by loan forgiveness, bonuses for excellence in teaching and teaching in less desirable locations. These four types are associated with increases of 2 to 4 percentage points in a school's minority representation among teachers. [Read more>>](#)

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### Declining learning conditions play a role in rising behavior issues

The Register-Guard

Teaching is also about forming relationships with students. It has become impossible to do that effectively when you have as many as 40 students in an elementary classroom. We used to be able to deal with disruptive students much better when we had reasonable class sizes. [Read more>>](#)

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### Why proficiency-based education is so important

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Our shift to an information society with an aging workforce requires that children are educated to be highly literate, technologically savvy, able to analyze multiple sources of data and work well with others. Proficiency-based learning will help all students meet expectations set forth in standards and achieve proficiency.

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## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Google tablet debuted for K12 education

Acer

Acer unveiled the first education tablet running Chrome OS, the Acer Chromebook Tab 10 (D651N). It will be used in K12 classrooms to bring the speed, simplicity and security of Chrome OS into the tablet form factor. [Read more>>](#)

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### New 9.7-inch iPad with Apple Pencil support introduced

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### Forever Free visitor management system offered

ScholarChip

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## Can money attract more minorities into the teaching profession?



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The Brookings Institution

Many education policymakers and practitioners across the country recognize the need to recruit and retain more racial and ethnic minorities into the teaching profession. As we've previously discussed in our teacher diversity series, there is credible evidence that minority teachers can boost a range of minority student outcomes, yet minorities are underrepresented among the population of public school teachers. [READ MORE](#)

## 14 non-negotiable traits leaders look for in new hires



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Hiring is one of the most difficult ongoing tasks a business faces. Not only do managers have to evaluate a candidate's hard skills, but they also need to look for the right soft skills and personality traits to ensure an employee will be a cultural fit. [READ MORE](#)

## Stop bullying: Schools can hold hope



Education Week

The use of Twitter to share news and to congratulate individuals or teams, or to remind of meetings c has become a part of many educational leaders' work of the day. Many, if not most students and pare "on" Twitter. It has become a favored way to communicate quickly and briefly. At first a vehicle for yo people to speak to each other in brief terms, it has been swept up by adults and businesses. Its use \ welcomed and used for good. [READ MORE](#)

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## Paying attention to what's important

The Lead Change Group (commentary)

Wally Bock, a contributor for The Lead Change Group, writes: "Debbie was little then. But she already radiant smile that would inspire her high school classmates to dub her: 'Girl most likely to get her pict Wheaties box.' It was after church, on a clear California day, and Debbie was charming anyone who c range. I was acting the role of proud parent. One well-dressed older woman bent down to ask: 'What your daddy do?' I prepared to swell with pride at whatever my little girl said. Debbie frowned as she p the question. Then she brightened and piped up in her little-girl voice." [READ MORE](#)

## Institutional innovation: The classroom of the future for all types of students

Education DIVE

When it comes to how higher education leaders can get more students to their institutions, the same comes up over and over again — build partnerships with local K-12 districts. A plethora of these type examples exist in everything from summer camps for high school students to mentorship programs. E if your institution could build a far-reaching partnership with hundreds of businesses, several school c other universities and the local community at the same time? [READ MORE](#)

## EDUCATION POLICY

## Justice Department cancels school safety studies after spending bill enacted

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The Hill

A Department of Justice agency has canceled a pair of efforts to improve school safety after their funding was cut under the \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill that President Donald Trump signed. A message posted on the website for the DOJ's National Institute of Justice states that funding for the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative and Research and Evaluation of Technologies to Improve School Safety solicitations was reappropriated under the recently-passed Stop School Violence Act of 2018. [READ MORE](#)

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## SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY

## Groups urge IES to release months-late report on student internet access

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eSchool News

A federal report on students' home access to digital learning resources is months late, and ed-tech groups say the delay is impeding efforts to close the homework gap. In a letter to the Institute of Education Sciences, a number of ed-tech and advocacy organizations point out that many students lack home access to the connectivity they need to complete homework and use online learning resources. The groups also point out that the study, which the Every Student Succeeds Act mandated be sent to Congress by June 2017, did not identify the best ways to ensure all students can connect with broadband services and broadband paths for success after graduation." [READ MORE](#)

## Hey, Alexa, what are you teaching our kids?

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MindShift

"Alexa, tell me a story." "Siri, what is 32 divided by 3?" "Google, why does it snow?" One in six American children owns a smart speaker like Amazon's Alexa or Google Home, and 75 percent of homes are likely to have one by 2020. That means information and learning opportunities are more accessible to children than ever before, but it also raises unsettling questions for educators and parents. How do children know whether to trust information from these devices' disembodied voices? Will kids miss opportunities for rich conversational learning?"

they ask Alexa a question instead of mom or dad? [READ MORE](#)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Teacher think alouds work in every subject

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MiddleWeb (commentary)

In a 6th grade science class, Mr. Rothman reads the following aloud: "Bonds between water molecules are broken when they go from ice (solid) to water (liquid) to water vapor (gas) state. Breaking bonds requires energy, so in this process, heat is absorbed from the surroundings. That means these reactions are endothermic in nature." Gazing up from his textbook, he asks the class: "Can someone define endothermic?" He is met with blank stares and a Ferris Bueller moment of utter silence. Realizing that his students were lost in the myriad of details and technical vocabulary of this informational text, he approaches the text

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### The highly negative impacts of vouchers

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Center for American Progress

How bad are school vouchers for students? Far worse than most people imagine. Indeed, according to an analysis conducted by the authors of this report, the use of school vouchers — which provide families with public dollars to spend on private schools — is equivalent to missing out on more than one-third of a classroom learning. In other words, this analysis found that the overall effect of the D.C. voucher program on students is the same as missing 68 days of school. [READ MORE](#)

### Is it time to bring risk back into our kids' playgrounds?

NPR (commentary)

Barbara J. King, a contributor for NPR, writes: "I think it's fair to say that many parents focus a lot of energy and worry! — on protecting their small kids from risky situations. But it turns out that integrating limits into our kids' playtime may be taking a step toward healthier child development. This past weekend, NPR's Ellen Barry published a piece in The New York Times about a growing movement in Britain to bring risk to the playground experience. Measures include: erecting handmade play equipment like 20-ft. climbing structures; leaving intact gorse bushes that are quite spiky; supervising children in the use of knives, saws, and other tools; and building fires right in the play area." [READ MORE](#)

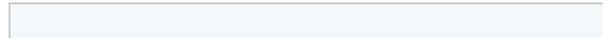
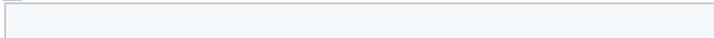
## Why game-based learning works for this math teacher



THE Journal

When Giulia Bini started using a video game in her high school calculus class, she saw a 100 percent increase in testing about limits compared to 80 percent in the previous year; plus, grades rose by 10 percent. The game she used, Variant: Limits by Triseum, places players on an imaginary planet. To rescue the planet from "imminent doom," they help "Equa," the main character, solve a series of increasingly tough calculus problems. [READ MORE](#)

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## 5 tips for centers in the music room



By: Aileen Miracle (commentary)

Centers in the music room can be a great way to have students practice concepts and skills while being engaged in a student-centered environment. Even though I've been doing centers for several years, I'm still learning how most effectively to run a centers lesson in my music room. Whether students are practicing rhythms, improving recorder playing or practicing staff work, the following is a list of strategies that have worked well for my students when rotating through centers. [READ MORE](#)

## Classroom skeleton: Whose bones are these?



NPR

Remember that skeleton hanging in the front of your biology — or art — classroom? It's possible those aren't plastic, but actual human remains. A lot of classroom skeletons, in high schools, universities and medical schools, are real. [READ MORE](#)

## Childhood aggression linked to deficits in executive function





Frontiers via Science Daily

Researchers find that primary school children with reduced cognitive skills for planning and self-restraint are more likely to show increased aggression in middle childhood. The study examined the relationship between aggression and executive function — a measure of cognitive skills that allow a person to achieve goals by controlling their behavior. The results suggest that helping children to increase their executive function can reduce their aggression. [READ MORE](#)

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### Poll: Most US teachers want gun control, not guns to carry



NPR

Nearly three fourths of U.S. teachers do not want to carry guns in school, and they overwhelmingly favor control measures over security steps meant to "harden" schools, according to a new Gallup poll. The nationally representative poll of nearly 500 K-12 teachers was conducted earlier this month, after the shooting and student protests brought national attention to the issue of gun violence. Some of the poll results were released last week. In that portion, 73 percent of teachers opposed training teachers and staff to carry guns in school. Of those, 63 percent "strongly" opposed the proposal. In addition, 7 in 10 teachers said arming teachers would not be effective in limiting casualties in a school shooting. [READ MORE](#)

### Money matters in education, as long as you spend it at the right time and on the right students



Los Angeles Times

Half a century ago, when sociologist James Coleman was tasked by the U.S. Department of Education with studying educational inequality, a good school was regarded as one that featured teachers with advanced degrees, a well-stocked library, state-of-the-art science labs and the like. The assumption was that those "inputs" were key to students' success. But the bottom line of the 737-page "Equal Educational Opportunity Survey," known as the Coleman Report, was dynamite. Families mattered most, schools mattered less, and extra resources didn't seem to matter much at all. [READ MORE](#)

### Data analysis finds charters more inclusive for special education



## students



THE Journal

Charter schools tend to serve more students with disabilities in more inclusive settings. Nearly 85 percent of students with disabilities in charter schools attended class in general education classrooms for 80 percent more of their day compared to 68 percent of students with disabilities in traditional public schools. The findings were shared in a new report produced by the National Center for Special Education in Charter Schools, a non-profit formed in 2013 to advocate for students with "diverse learning needs." [READ MORE](#)

### Black male teachers say they face an extra burden



Chalkbeat

As a first-year teacher, Pierce Bond took on a remarkable responsibility: helping other teachers by disciplining or counseling misbehaving students. That left him to make tough choices, like whether to disrupt his class mid-lesson to handle problems in the school's detention room. "Sometimes you have to make that decision," he told an interviewer. "Do I stop whatever I'm doing now to go deal with this situation?" [READ MORE](#)

## TRENDING ARTICLES

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- [Do you use video to hire teachers? If not, you should!](#) (eSchool News)

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### Why America's teachers haven't been getting raises



The Atlantic

Larry Cagle is angry. At 54 years of age, he makes \$34,500 a year teaching critical-reading skills to public high-school students in Tulsa, Oklahoma. "I do construction and lawn maintenance in the summer" to ends meet, he said. "I moved here from Florida five years ago, and in Florida I made \$25,000 a year. He talked about the number of public-school teachers he knew working second jobs on nights and weekends flipping burgers or hauling luggage at the airport. Teachers digging into their own pockets to pay for their basic needs and classroom supplies. [READ MORE](#)

## Study: Fewer suspensions can lead to better attendance rates and test scores

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Education DIVE

The efforts at reform discipline policies and practices that began in the Obama-era were designed to reported racial inequities in the way harsher punishments, such as out-of-school suspensions and expulsions were meted out. Since that time, research on the effect of these policies has been sparse and contradictory. The studies also sometimes fail logically. For instance, reducing the number of out-of-school suspensions, must increase school attendance rates because students are in school more often. Sound suspension policies, however, can allow students to make the most of their time away from their regular classroom settings. [READ MORE](#)

## Student bullying is down significantly

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U.S. News & World Report

The percentage of students reporting that they've been bullied has dropped by more than a third since 2007 according to federal data. The new figures say that 20.8 percent of students reported being bullied in 2015, continuing a downward trend that dates back to 2007, when 31.7 percent of students reported being bullied. A similar — though not as significant — decrease was also seen in students reporting being called a hate-related word, with the 7.2 percent reporting such an experience in 2015 down from some 9.7 percent in 2007. [READ MORE](#)

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## School on a Saturday? It might happen for some Massachusetts districts



The Boston Globe

As the fourth nor'easter of March approaches New England, some school districts across the region are struggling to make up days missed because of weather, and at least a few are considering giving up school days or Saturdays to close the gap. In Andover, where schools had reached their sixth snow day by early January and logged their 10th last week, the town's School Department has added makeup days on Saturdays — April 28 and May 12 — and on Good Friday and the last Friday in June, according to a letter Superintendent Sheldon Berman sent parents. [READ MORE](#)

## Oklahoma teachers could be the next to walk



The New York Times

When she woke up one morning last week, Tiffany Bell, a teacher at Hamilton Elementary School here, had \$35 in her bank account. On take-home pay of \$2,200 per month, she supports her husband, a veteran who went back to school, and their three children, all of whom qualify for the Children's Health Insurance Program, a federal benefit for low-income families. The couple's 4-year-old twins attend a Head Start preschool and another antipoverity program. [READ MORE](#)

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## Funding for Title II, Part A preserved in FY18 omnibus bill



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Congress has passed the FY18 omnibus appropriations bill, which maintains funding at \$2.055 billion for Title II, Part A — the only federal funding source dedicated to the preparation, training, and support of teachers and principals. The omnibus bill also includes funding increases for other federal education programs impacting principals, as well as additional resources for training to address school violence and for improving mental health services in schools. The legislation now heads to the president for his signature to become law.

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### Virtual summit series on afterschool and summer learning



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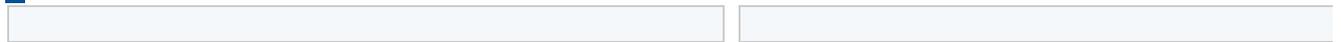
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## Black male teachers say they face an extra burden



Chalkbeat

As a first-year teacher, Pierce Bond took on a remarkable responsibility: helping other teachers by disciplining or counseling misbehaving students. That left him to make tough choices, like whether to disrupt his class mid-lesson to handle problems in the school's detention room. "Sometimes you have to make the decision," he told an interviewer. "Do I stop whatever I'm doing now to go deal with this situation?" [READ MORE](#)

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## Why America's teachers haven't been getting raises



The Atlantic

Larry Cagle is angry. At 54 years of age, he makes \$34,500 a year teaching critical-reading skills to public high-school students in Tulsa, Oklahoma. "I do construction and lawn maintenance in the summer" to ends meet, he said. "I moved here from Florida five years ago, and in Florida I made \$25,000 a year. He talked about the number of public-school teachers he knew working second jobs on nights and weekends flipping burgers or hauling luggage at the airport. Teachers digging into their own pockets to pay for their basic needs and classroom supplies. [READ MORE](#)

## Study: Fewer suspensions can lead to better attendance rates and test scores

Education DIVE

The efforts at reform discipline policies and practices that began in the Obama-era were designed to reported racial inequities in the way harsher punishments, such as out-of-school suspensions and expulsions were meted out. Since that time, research on the effect of these policies has been sparse and contradictory. The studies also sometimes fail logically. For instance, reducing the number of out-of-school suspensions, must increase school attendance rates because students are in school more often. Sound suspension policies, however, can allow students to make the most of their time away from their regular classroom settings. [READ MORE](#)

## Student bullying is down significantly

U.S. News & World Report

The percentage of students reporting that they've been bullied has dropped by more than a third since according to federal data. The new figures say that 20.8 percent of students reported being bullied in continuing a downward trend that dates back to 2007, when 31.7 percent of students reported being bullied similar — though not as significant — decrease was also seen in students reporting being called a hate related word, with the 7.2 percent reporting such an experience in 2015 down from some 9.7 percent. [READ MORE](#)

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## Oklahoma teachers could be the next to walk



The New York Times

When she woke up one morning last week, Tiffany Bell, a teacher at Hamilton Elementary School here, had only \$35 in her bank account. On take-home pay of \$2,200 per month, she supports her husband, a veteran who went back to school, and their three children, all of whom qualify for the Children's Health Insurance Program, a federal benefit for low-income families. The couple's 4-year-old twins attend a Head Start preschool and another antipoverty program. [READ MORE](#)

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## Funding for Title II, Part A preserved in FY18 omnibus bill



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Congress has passed the FY18 omnibus appropriations bill, which maintains funding at \$2.055 billion for Title II, Part A — the only federal funding source dedicated to the preparation, training, and support of teachers and principals. The omnibus bill also includes funding increases for other federal education programs impacting principals, as well as additional resources for training to address school violence and for improving mental health services in schools. The legislation now heads to the president for his signature to become law.

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### Virtual summit series on afterschool and summer learning



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Forbes (commentary)

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Plenty of media coverage — and companies' attention — is devoted to employees at the beginning of their careers, at least in my experience. Entry-level employees learning the ropes garner more than their share of managers' time, and those transitioning toward retirement pull executives' focus by necessity to work to develop succession plans. [READ MORE](#)

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School Leaders Now (commentary)

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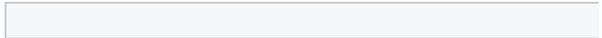
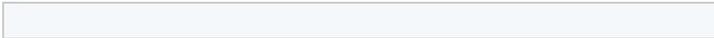


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## Many employees have a mid-career crisis. Here's how employers can help



Harvard Business Review

Plenty of media coverage — and companies' attention — is devoted to employees at the beginning of their careers, at least in my experience. Entry-level employees learning the ropes garner more than their share of managers' time, and those transitioning toward retirement pull executives' focus by necessity to work to develop succession plans. [READ MORE](#)

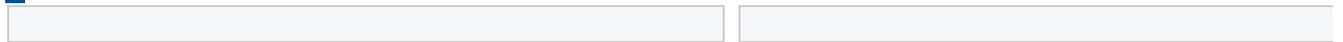
## 10 strategies principals should know before a school lockdown



School Leaders Now (commentary)

Jennifer Duston, a contributor for School Leaders Now, writes: "I'm a 13-year veteran principal with 10 tricks up my sleeve, but nothing prepared me enough for our recent actual school lockdown. We had recovered from the Thomas Fire and could have used a little peace. We received a report of a suspicious person outside the fence of a school with an unknown object in his hand. This report resulted in a school lockdown approximately an hour and a half. This experience forever changed me." [READ MORE](#)

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## Can money attract more minorities into the teaching profession?



The Brookings Institution

Many education policymakers and practitioners across the country recognize the need to recruit and retain more racial and ethnic minorities into the teaching profession. As we've previously discussed in our teacher diversity series, there is credible evidence that minority teachers can boost a range of minority student outcomes, yet minorities are underrepresented among the population of public school teachers. [READ MORE](#)

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Hiring is one of the most difficult ongoing tasks a business faces. Not only do managers have to evaluate a candidate's hard skills, but they also need to look for the right soft skills and personality traits to ensure an employee will be a cultural fit. [READ MORE](#)

## Stop bullying: Schools can hold hope





Education Week

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## Paying attention to what's important



The Lead Change Group (commentary)

Wally Bock, a contributor for The Lead Change Group, writes: "Debbie was little then. But she already radiant smile that would inspire her high school classmates to dub her: 'Girl most likely to get her pict Wheaties box.' It was after church, on a clear California day, and Debbie was charming anyone who c range. I was acting the role of proud parent. One well-dressed older woman bent down to ask: 'What your daddy do?' I prepared to swell with pride at whatever my little girl said. Debbie frowned as she p the question. Then she brightened and piped up in her little-girl voice." [READ MORE](#)

## Institutional innovation: The classroom of the future for all types of students



Education DIVE

When it comes to how higher education leaders can get more students to their institutions, the same comes up over and over again — build partnerships with local K-12 districts. A plethora of these type examples exist in everything from summer camps for high school students to mentorship programs. E if your institution could build a far-reaching partnership with hundreds of businesses, several school c other universities and the local community at the same time? [READ MORE](#)

## Justice Department cancels school safety studies after spending bill enacted

The Hill

A Department of Justice agency has canceled a pair of efforts to improve school safety after their funding was cut under the \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill that President Donald Trump signed. A message posted on the website for the DOJ's National Institute of Justice states that funding for the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative and Research and Evaluation of Technologies to Improve School Safety solicitations was reappropriated under the recently-passed Stop School Violence Act of 2018. [READ MORE](#)

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A federal report on students' home access to digital learning resources is months late, and ed-tech groups say the delay is impeding efforts to close the homework gap. In a letter to the Institute of Education Sciences, a number of ed-tech and advocacy organizations point out that many students lack home access to the connectivity they need to complete homework and use online learning resources. The groups also point out that the study, which the Every Student Succeeds Act mandated be sent to Congress by June 2017, did not identify the best ways to ensure all students can connect with broadband services and a clear path for success after graduation." [READ MORE](#)

## Hey, Alexa, what are you teaching our kids?

MindShift

"Alexa, tell me a story." "Siri, what is 32 divided by 3?" "Google, why does it snow?" One in six American children owns a smart speaker like Amazon's Alexa or Google Home, and 75 percent of homes are likely to have one by 2020. That means information and learning opportunities are more accessible to children than ever before.

but it also raises unsettling questions for educators and parents. How do children know whether to trust information from these devices' disembodied voices? Will kids miss opportunities for rich conversations they ask Alexa a question instead of mom or dad? [READ MORE](#)

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### Teacher think alouds work in every subject

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MiddleWeb (commentary)

In a 6th grade science class, Mr. Rothman reads the following aloud: "Bonds between water molecules are broken when they go from ice (solid) to water (liquid) to water vapor (gas) state. Breaking bonds requires energy, so in this process, heat is absorbed from the surroundings. That means these reactions are endothermic in nature." Gazing up from his textbook, he asks the class: "Can someone define endothermic?" He is met with blank stares and a Ferris Bueller moment of utter silence. Realizing that his students are lost in the myriad of details and technical vocabulary of this informational text, he approaches the text with a think aloud. [READ MORE](#)

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### The highly negative impacts of vouchers

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Center for American Progress

How bad are school vouchers for students? Far worse than most people imagine. Indeed, according to an analysis conducted by the authors of this report, the use of school vouchers — which provide families with public dollars to spend on private schools — is equivalent to missing out on more than one-third of a classroom learning. In other words, this analysis found that the overall effect of the D.C. voucher program on students is the same as missing 68 days of school. [READ MORE](#)

### Is it time to bring risk back into our kids' playgrounds?



NPR (commentary)

Barbara J. King, a contributor for NPR, writes: "I think it's fair to say that many parents focus a lot of energy and worry! — on protecting their small kids from risky situations. But it turns out that integrating limits into our kids' playtime may be taking a step toward healthier child development. This past weekend, NPR's Ellen Barry published a piece in The New York Times about a growing movement in Britain to bring risk back to the playground experience. Measures include: erecting handmade play equipment like 20-ft. climbing structures; leaving intact gorse bushes that are quite spiky; supervising children in the use of knives, saws, and other tools; and building fires right in the play area." [READ MORE](#)

## Why game-based learning works for this math teacher

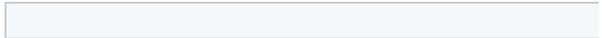
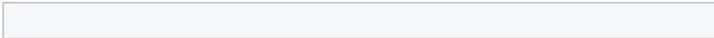


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When Giulia Bini started using a video game in her high school calculus class, she saw a 100 percent increase in passing rate on testing about limits compared to 80 percent in the previous year; plus, grades rose by 10 percent. The game she used, Variant: Limits by Triseum, places players on an imaginary planet. To rescue the planet from "imminent doom," they help "Equa," the main character, solve a series of increasingly tough calculus problems. [READ MORE](#)

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## 5 tips for centers in the music room



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By: Aileen Miracle (commentary)

Centers in the music room can be a great way to have students practice concepts and skills while staying engaged in a student-centered environment. Even though I've been doing centers for several years, I'm still learning how most effectively to run a centers lesson in my music room. Whether students are practicing rhythms, improving recorder playing or practicing staff work, the following is a list of strategies that have worked well for my students when rotating through centers. [READ MORE](#)

## Classroom skeleton: Whose bones are these?



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Remember that skeleton hanging in the front of your biology — or art — classroom? It's possible those aren't plastic, but actual human remains. A lot of classroom skeletons, in high schools, universities and medical schools, are real. [READ MORE](#)

## Childhood aggression linked to deficits in executive function



Frontiers via Science Daily

Researchers find that primary school children with reduced cognitive skills for planning and self-restraint are more likely to show increased aggression in middle childhood. The study examined the relationship between aggression and executive function — a measure of cognitive skills that allow a person to achieve goals by controlling their behavior. The results suggest that helping children to increase their executive function can reduce their aggression. [READ MORE](#)

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NPR

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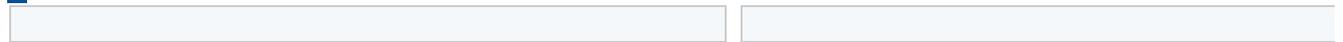
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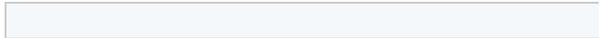
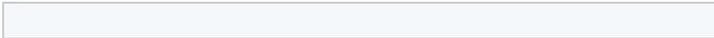


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## 5 tips for centers in the music room



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By: Aileen Miracle (commentary)

Centers in the music room can be a great way to have students practice concepts and skills while staying engaged in a student-centered environment. Even though I've been doing centers for several years, I'm still learning how most effectively to run a centers lesson in my music room. Whether students are practicing rhythms, improving recorder playing or practicing staff work, the following is a list of strategies that have worked well for my students when rotating through centers. [READ MORE](#)

## Classroom skeleton: Whose bones are these?



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NPR

Remember that skeleton hanging in the front of your biology — or art — classroom? It's possible those aren't plastic, but actual human remains. A lot of classroom skeletons, in high schools, universities and medical schools, are real. [READ MORE](#)

## Childhood aggression linked to deficits in executive function



Frontiers via Science Daily

Researchers find that primary school children with reduced cognitive skills for planning and self-restraint are more likely to show increased aggression in middle childhood. The study examined the relationship between aggression and executive function — a measure of cognitive skills that allow a person to achieve goals by controlling their behavior. The results suggest that helping children to increase their executive function can reduce their aggression. [READ MORE](#)

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NPR

Nearly three fourths of U.S. teachers do not want to carry guns in school, and they overwhelmingly favor control measures over security steps meant to "harden" schools, according to a new Gallup poll. The nationally representative poll of nearly 500 K-12 teachers was conducted earlier this month, after the shooting and student protests brought national attention to the issue of gun violence. Some of the poll results were released last week. In that portion, 73 percent of teachers opposed training teachers and staff to carry guns in school. Of those, 63 percent "strongly" opposed the proposal. In addition, 7 in 10 teachers said arming teachers would not be effective in limiting casualties in a school shooting. [READ MORE](#)

### Money matters in education, as long as you spend it at the right time and on the right students



Los Angeles Times

Half a century ago, when sociologist James Coleman was tasked by the U.S. Department of Education with studying educational inequality, a good school was regarded as one that featured teachers with advanced degrees, a well-stocked library, state-of-the-art science labs and the like. The assumption was that those "inputs" were key to students' success. But the bottom line of the 737-page "Equal Educational Opportunity Survey," known as the Coleman Report, was dynamite. Families mattered most, schools mattered less, and extra resources didn't seem to matter much at all. [READ MORE](#)

## Data analysis finds charters more inclusive for special education students



THE Journal

Charter schools tend to serve more students with disabilities in more inclusive settings. Nearly 85 percent of students with disabilities in charter schools attended class in general education classrooms for 80 percent more of their day compared to 68 percent of students with disabilities in traditional public schools. The findings were shared in a new report produced by the National Center for Special Education in Charter Schools, a non-profit formed in 2013 to advocate for students with "diverse learning needs." [READ MORE](#)

## Black male teachers say they face an extra burden



Chalkbeat

As a first-year teacher, Pierce Bond took on a remarkable responsibility: helping other teachers by disciplining or counseling misbehaving students. That left him to make tough choices, like whether to disrupt his class mid-lesson to handle problems in the school's detention room. "Sometimes you have to make the decision," he told an interviewer. "Do I stop whatever I'm doing now to go deal with this situation?" [READ MORE](#)

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## Why America's teachers haven't been getting raises



The Atlantic

Larry Cagle is angry. At 54 years of age, he makes \$34,500 a year teaching critical-reading skills to public high-school students in Tulsa, Oklahoma. "I do construction and lawn maintenance in the summer" to ends meet, he said. "I moved here from Florida five years ago, and in Florida I made \$25,000 a year. He talked about the number of public-school teachers he knew working second jobs on nights and weekends flipping burgers or hauling luggage at the airport. Teachers digging into their own pockets to pay for their basic needs and classroom supplies. [READ MORE](#)

## Study: Fewer suspensions can lead to better attendance rates and test scores

Education DIVE

The efforts at reform discipline policies and practices that began in the Obama-era were designed to reported racial inequities in the way harsher punishments, such as out-of-school suspensions and expulsions were meted out. Since that time, research on the effect of these policies has been sparse and contradictory. The studies also sometimes fail logically. For instance, reducing the number of out-of-school suspensions, must increase school attendance rates because students are in school more often. Sound suspension policies, however, can allow students to make the most of their time away from their regular classroom settings. [READ MORE](#)

## Student bullying is down significantly

U.S. News & World Report

The percentage of students reporting that they've been bullied has dropped by more than a third since according to federal data. The new figures say that 20.8 percent of students reported being bullied in continuing a downward trend that dates back to 2007, when 31.7 percent of students reported being bullied — similar — though not as significant — decrease was also seen in students reporting being called a hate related word, with the 7.2 percent reporting such an experience in 2015 down from some 9.7 percent. [READ MORE](#)

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## Oklahoma teachers could be the next to walk



The New York Times

When she woke up one morning last week, Tiffany Bell, a teacher at Hamilton Elementary School here, had \$35 in her bank account. On take-home pay of \$2,200 per month, she supports her husband, a veteran who went back to school, and their three children, all of whom qualify for the Children's Health Insurance Program, a federal benefit for low-income families. The couple's 4-year-old twins attend a Head Start preschool and another antipoverty program. [READ MORE](#)

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## Funding for Title II, Part A preserved in FY18 omnibus bill



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Congress has passed the FY18 omnibus appropriations bill, which maintains funding at \$2.055 billion for Title II, Part A — the only federal funding source dedicated to the preparation, training, and support of teachers and principals. The omnibus bill also includes funding increases for other federal education programs impacting principals, as well as additional resources for training to address school violence and for improving mental health services in schools. The legislation now heads to the president for his signature to become law.

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### Virtual summit series on afterschool and summer learning



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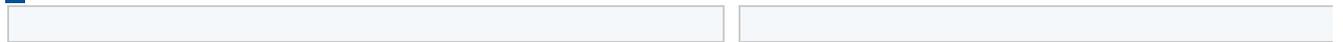
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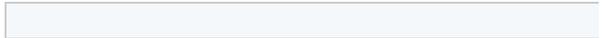
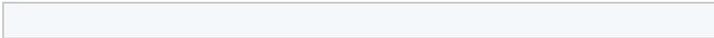


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## Millennial managers favor texting subordinates



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HR DIVE

Employers have long known that messaging is, generally speaking, the preferred method of communication for Millennials. Employers have both adopted workplace chat applications and increased their investment in texting for recruiting partly for this reason. But employers have to ensure that the generations' preferences don't create miscommunication mishaps. After all, tension between Millennials and other generations is often unheard of. A previous report revealed that Millennials often believe boomers and Gen Xers stifle their advancement, for example. [READ MORE](#)

## The art of conflict resolution among leadership



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Forbes (commentary)

John Drumgoole Jr., a contributor for Forbes, writes: "There was a point early in my career when I was afforded the opportunity to work closely with the senior leadership team of a budding organization. One morning, a colleague pulled me aside for a water cooler chat and mentioned that some of the top brass were not seeing eye to eye over a matter. She said she disliked it when this happened because it had the potential of throwing the entire company out of alignment." [READ MORE](#)

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Entrepreneur (commentary)

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## Many employees have a mid-career crisis. Here's how employers can help



Harvard Business Review

Plenty of media coverage — and companies' attention — is devoted to employees at the beginning of their careers, at least in my experience. Entry-level employees learning the ropes garner more than their share of managers' time, and those transitioning toward retirement pull executives' focus by necessity to work to develop succession plans. [READ MORE](#)

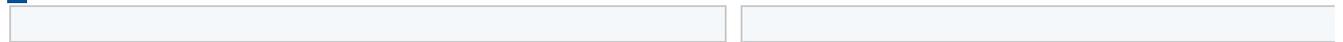
## 10 strategies principals should know before a school lockdown



School Leaders Now (commentary)

Jennifer Duston, a contributor for School Leaders Now, writes: "I'm a 13-year veteran principal with 10 tricks up my sleeve, but nothing prepared me enough for our recent actual school lockdown. We had recovered from the Thomas Fire and could have used a little peace. We received a report of a suspicious person outside the fence of a school with an unknown object in his hand. This report resulted in a school lockdown approximately an hour and a half. This experience forever changed me." [READ MORE](#)

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## Can money attract more minorities into the teaching profession?



The Brookings Institution

Many education policymakers and practitioners across the country recognize the need to recruit and attract more racial and ethnic minorities into the teaching profession. As we've previously discussed in our career teacher diversity series, there is credible evidence that minority teachers can boost a range of minority student outcomes, yet minorities are underrepresented among the population of public school teachers. [READ MORE](#)

## 14 non-negotiable traits leaders look for in new hires



allBusiness

Hiring is one of the most difficult ongoing tasks a business faces. Not only do managers have to evaluate a candidate's hard skills, but they also need to look for the right soft skills and personality traits to ensure an employee will be a cultural fit. [READ MORE](#)

## Stop bullying: Schools can hold hope





Education Week

The use of Twitter to share news and to congratulate individuals or teams, or to remind of meetings c has become a part of many educational leaders' work of the day. Many, if not most students and pare "on" Twitter. It has become a favored way to communicate quickly and briefly. At first a vehicle for you people to speak to each other in brief terms, it has been swept up by adults and businesses. Its use v welcomed and used for good. [READ MORE](#)

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## Paying attention to what's important



The Lead Change Group (commentary)

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## Institutional innovation: The classroom of the future for all types of students



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When it comes to how higher education leaders can get more students to their institutions, the same comes up over and over again — build partnerships with local K-12 districts. A plethora of these type examples exist in everything from summer camps for high school students to mentorship programs. E if your institution could build a far-reaching partnership with hundreds of businesses, several school c other universities and the local community at the same time? [READ MORE](#)

## Justice Department cancels school safety studies after spending bill enacted

The Hill

A Department of Justice agency has canceled a pair of efforts to improve school safety after their funding was cut under the \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill that President Donald Trump signed. A message posted on the website for the DOJ's National Institute of Justice states that funding for the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative and Research and Evaluation of Technologies to Improve School Safety solicitations was reappropriated under the recently-passed Stop School Violence Act of 2018. [READ MORE](#)

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## Hey, Alexa, what are you teaching our kids?

MindShift

"Alexa, tell me a story." "Siri, what is 32 divided by 3?" "Google, why does it snow?" One in six American children owns a smart speaker like Amazon's Alexa or Google Home, and 75 percent of homes are likely to have one by 2020. That means information and learning opportunities are more accessible to children than ever before.

but it also raises unsettling questions for educators and parents. How do children know whether to trust information from these devices' disembodied voices? Will kids miss opportunities for rich conversations they ask Alexa a question instead of mom or dad? [READ MORE](#)

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### Teacher think alouds work in every subject

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MiddleWeb (commentary)

In a 6th grade science class, Mr. Rothman reads the following aloud: "Bonds between water molecules are broken when they go from ice (solid) to water (liquid) to water vapor (gas) state. Breaking bonds requires energy, so in this process, heat is absorbed from the surroundings. That means these reactions are endothermic in nature." Gazing up from his textbook, he asks the class: "Can someone define endothermic?" He is met with blank stares and a Ferris Bueller moment of utter silence. Realizing that his students are lost in the myriad of details and technical vocabulary of this informational text, he approaches the text with a think aloud. [READ MORE](#)

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### Is it time to bring risk back into our kids' playgrounds?



NPR (commentary)

Barbara J. King, a contributor for NPR, writes: "I think it's fair to say that many parents focus a lot of energy and worry! — on protecting their small kids from risky situations. But it turns out that integrating limits into our kids' playtime may be taking a step toward healthier child development. This past weekend, NPR's Ellen Barry published a piece in The New York Times about a growing movement in Britain to bring risk back to the playground experience. Measures include: erecting handmade play equipment like 20-ft. climbing structures; leaving intact gorse bushes that are quite spiky; supervising children in the use of knives, saws, and other tools; and building fires right in the play area." [READ MORE](#)

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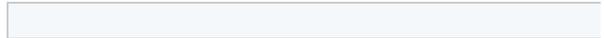
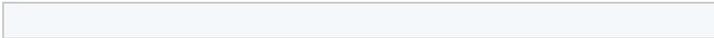


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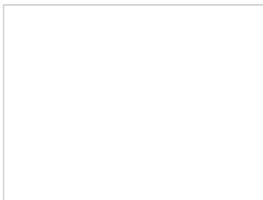
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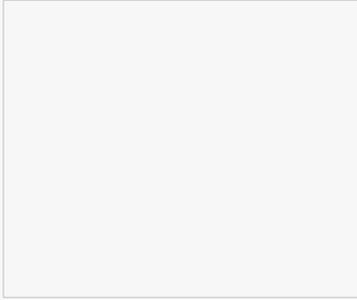
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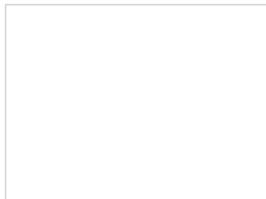
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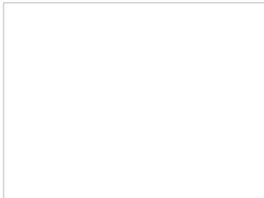


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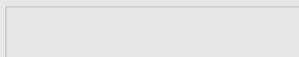
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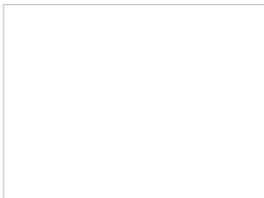
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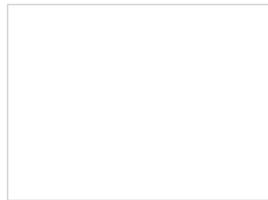
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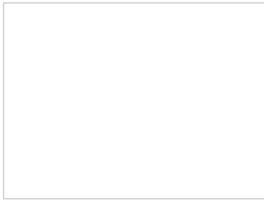
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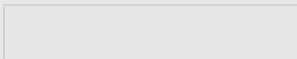
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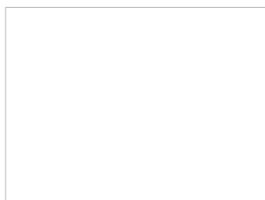
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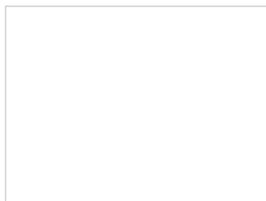
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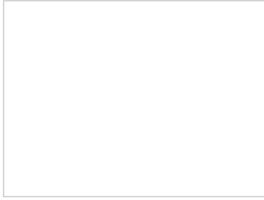
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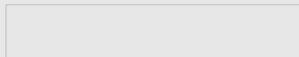
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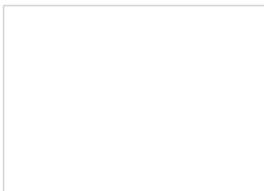
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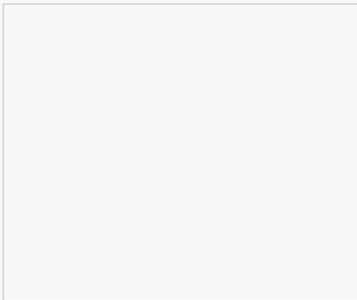
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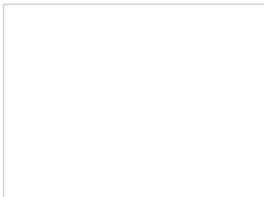
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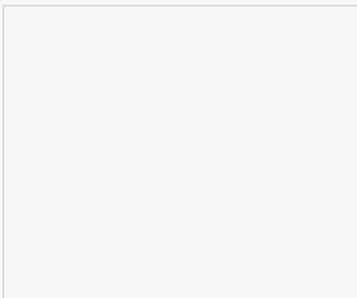


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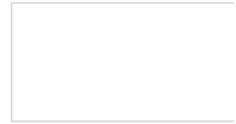


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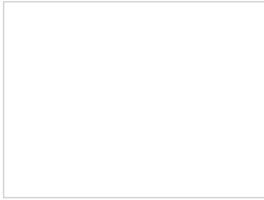
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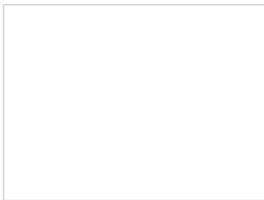
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Students enrolled in a virtual school in Colorado performed better when accessing face-to-face interactions on a physical campus, which prompted school leaders to expand interaction opportunities. In this commentary, Rochelle Kolhouse, who worked as an instructional coach during the expansion, writes about the school model.

[eSchool News \(free registration\)](#) (3/21)

### Video game helps raise students' math scores



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Math teacher Giulia Bini used a video game and YouTube videos to help teach calculus to students. Bini assigned a video game as homework and through it, as well as other strategies, she says students' grades increased 10%.

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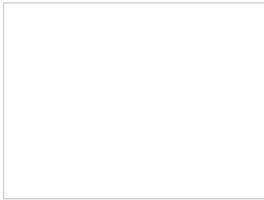
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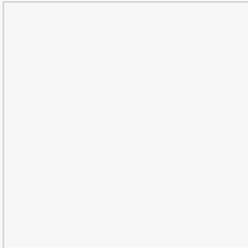


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The E-rate program has helped bring fiber internet to more schools, but a gap still exists in rural schools, asserts Evan Marwell, CEO and founder of EducationSuperHighway. Marwell notes that E-rate funding requests to install fiber internet to rural schools are denied 30% of the time -- compared with 4% for other projects.

[The Hechinger Report](#) (3/21)

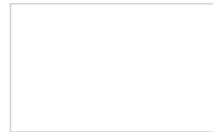


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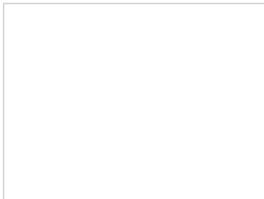
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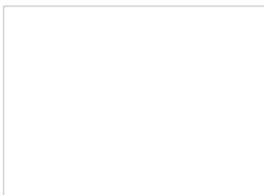


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[The Washington Post](#) ([tiered subscription model](#)) (3/20),

[The Associated Press](#) (3/21)

### Calif. schools work to meet Healthy Youth Act



The California Healthy Youth Act requires schools to address human trafficking and sexual-abuse prevention. Superintendent Roger Stock said his district adopted a program this semester to be "preventative rather than reactive."

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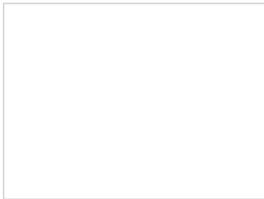
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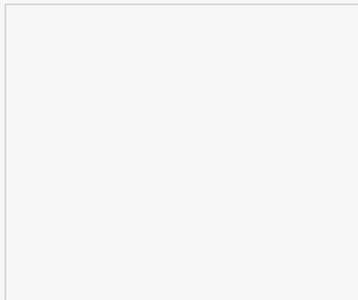


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The number of children who drew a female when asked to draw a scientist has increased over the past five decades, according to an analysis of children's drawings in 78 studies over 50 years. Researchers also found that younger children were more likely to draw a female scientist.

[The Atlantic online](#) (3/20), [Education Week \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (3/20), [The Washington Post \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (3/20)



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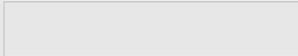
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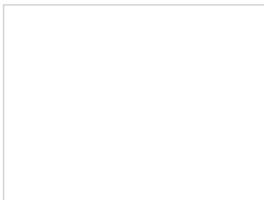
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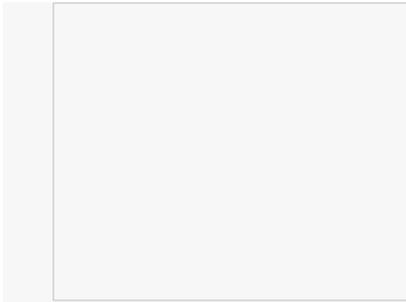
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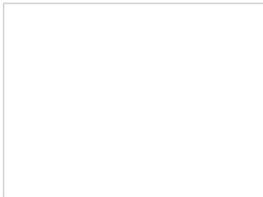
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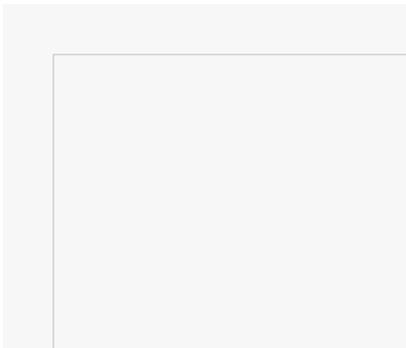


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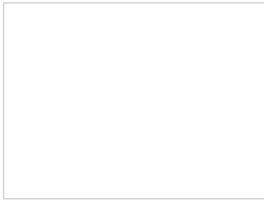
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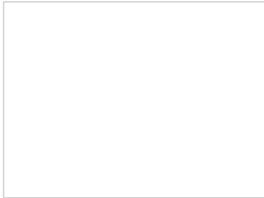
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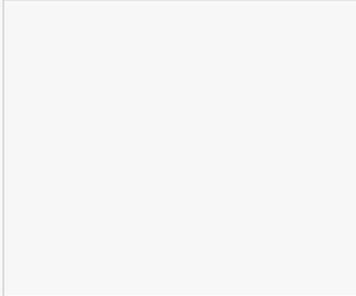
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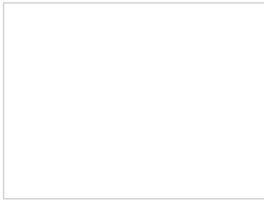
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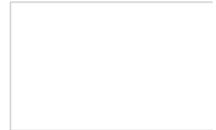
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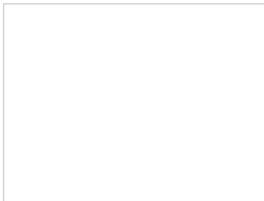
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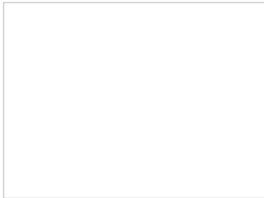


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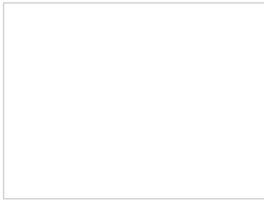


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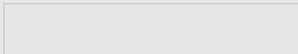
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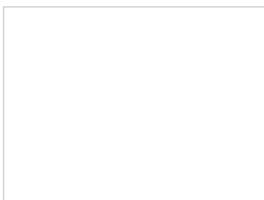
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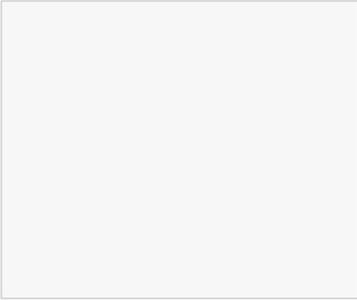
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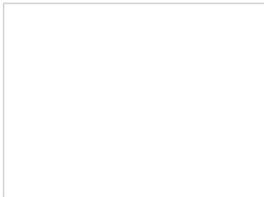
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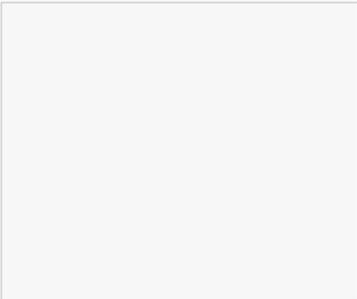


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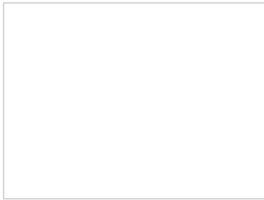
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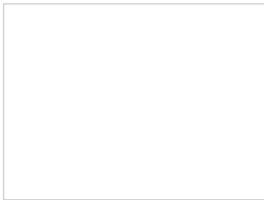
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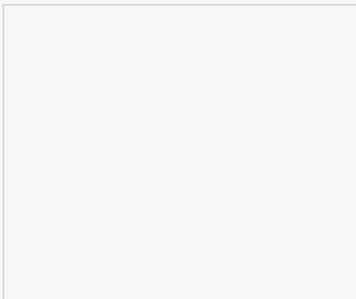
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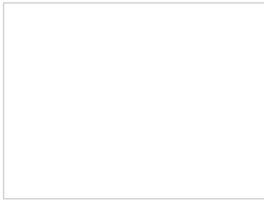
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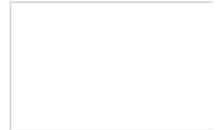
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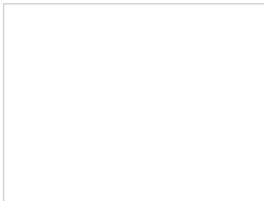
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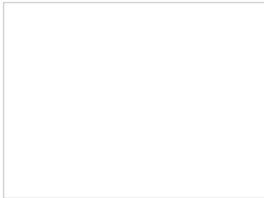


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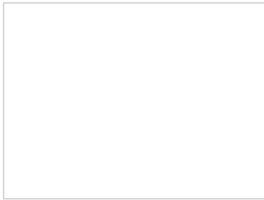


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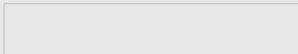
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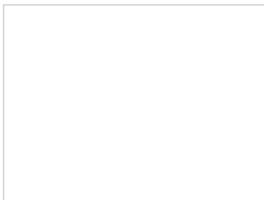
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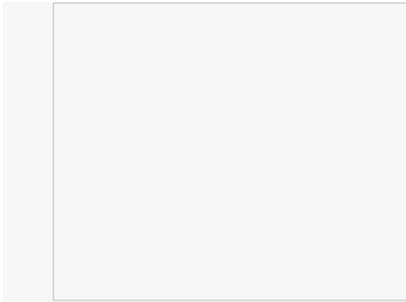
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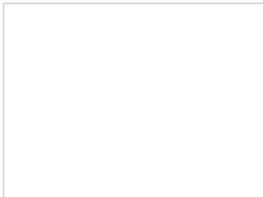
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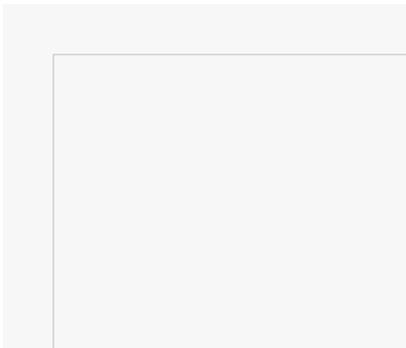


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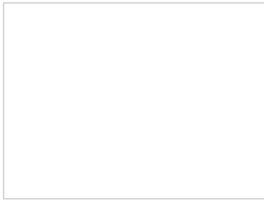
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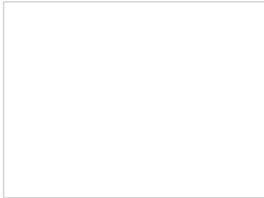
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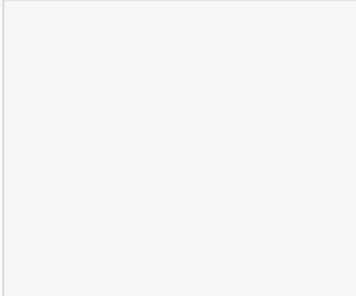
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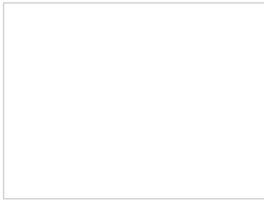
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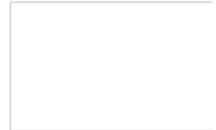
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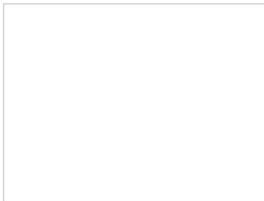
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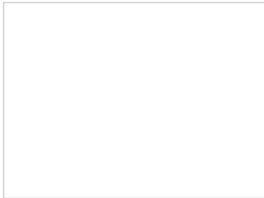


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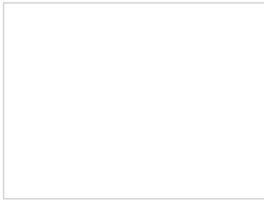


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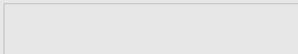
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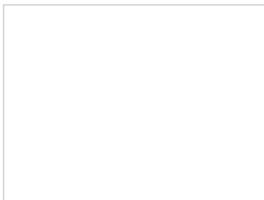
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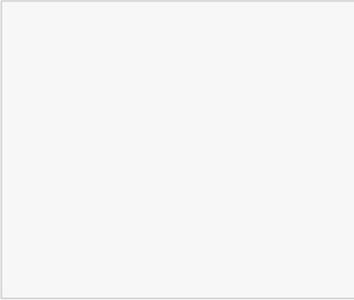
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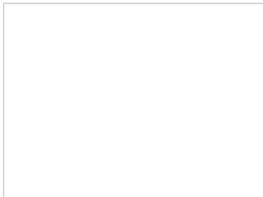
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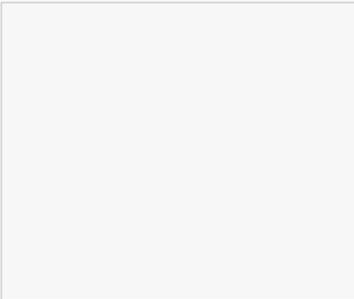


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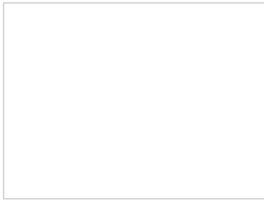
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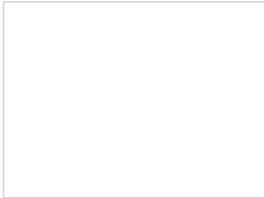
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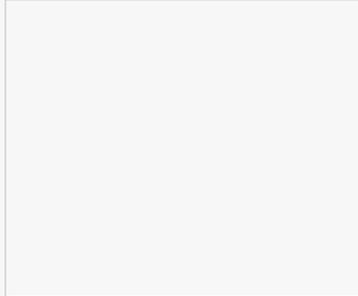
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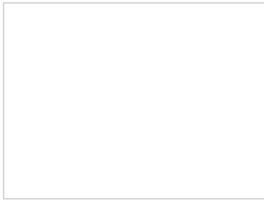
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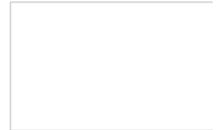
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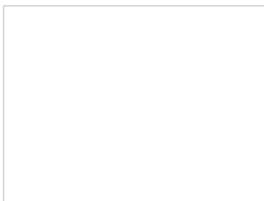
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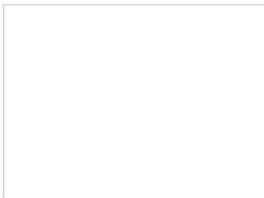


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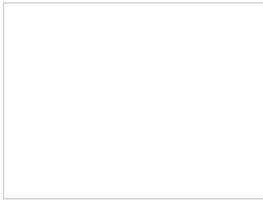


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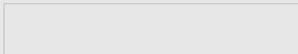
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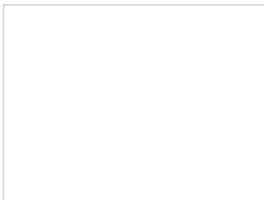
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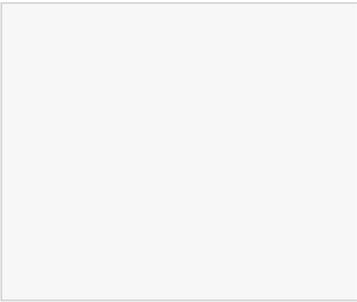
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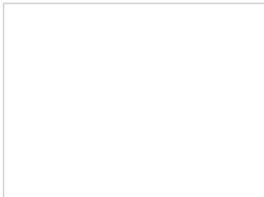
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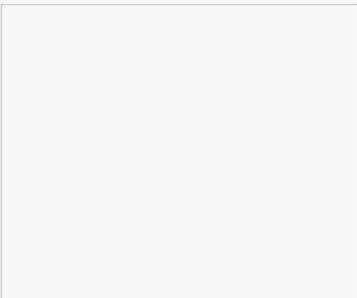


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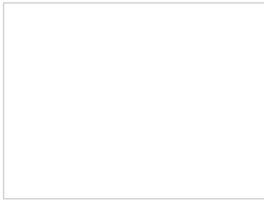
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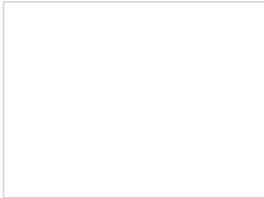
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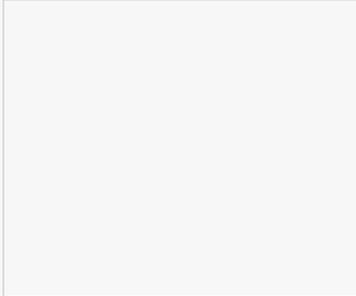
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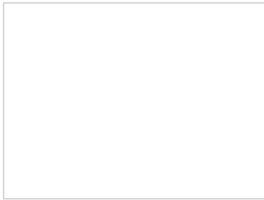
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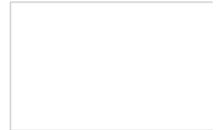
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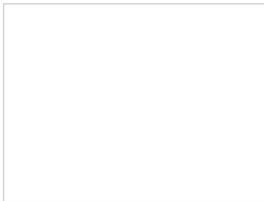
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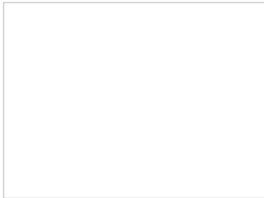


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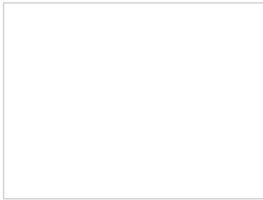


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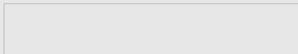
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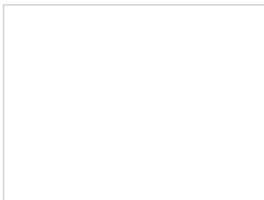
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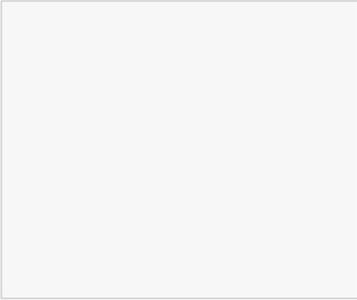
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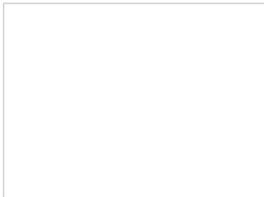
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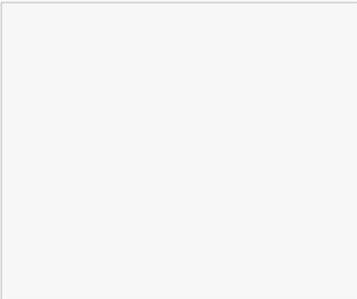


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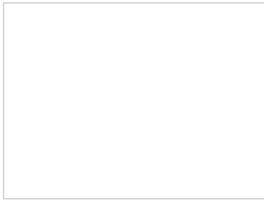
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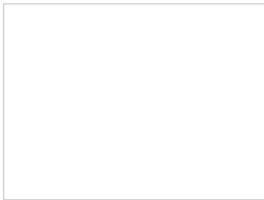
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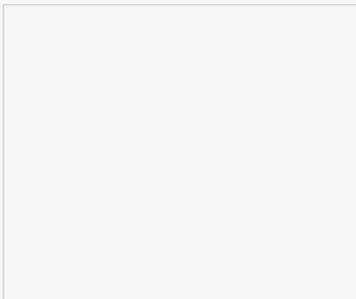
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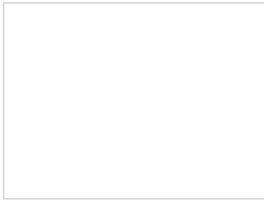
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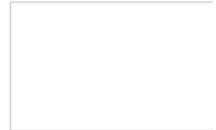
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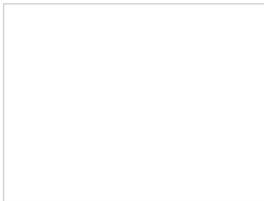
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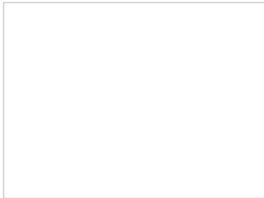


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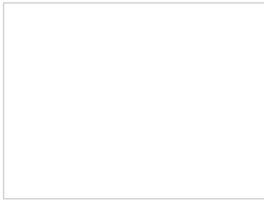


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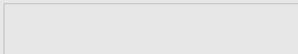
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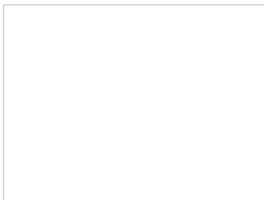
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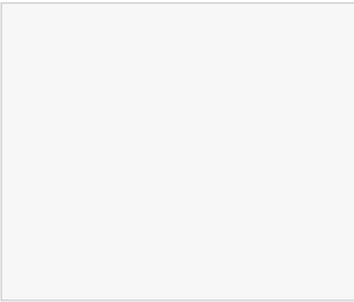
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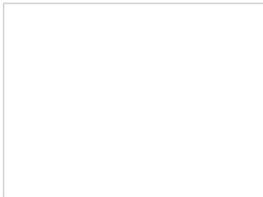
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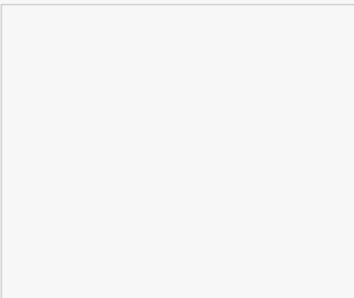


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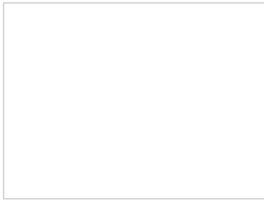
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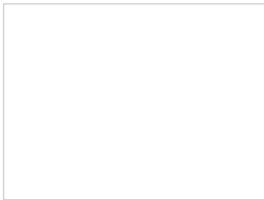
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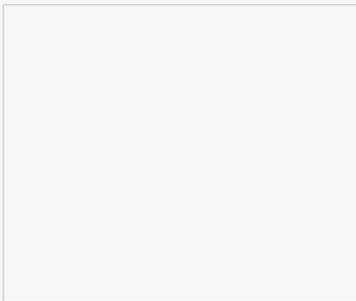
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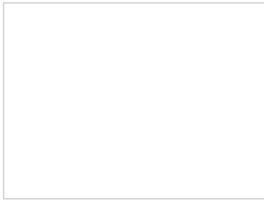
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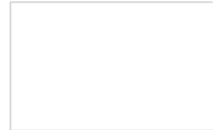
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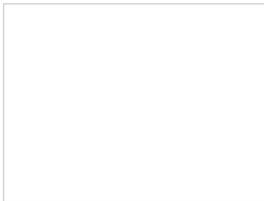
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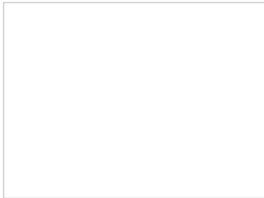


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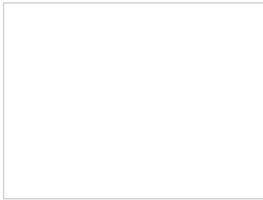


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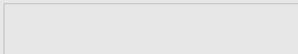
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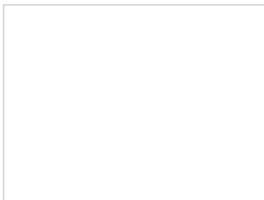
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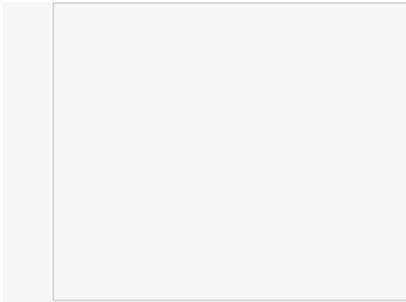
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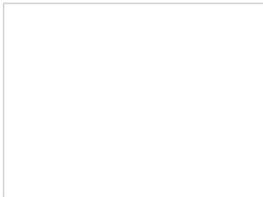
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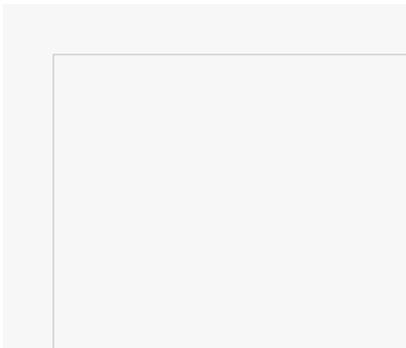


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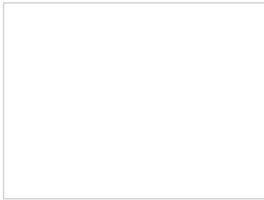
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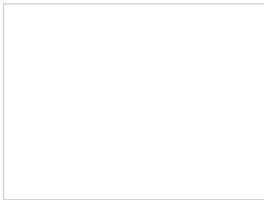
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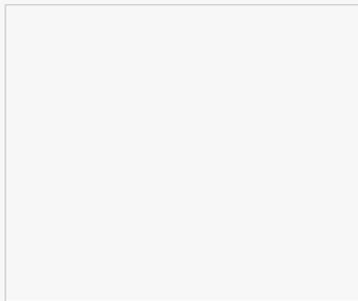
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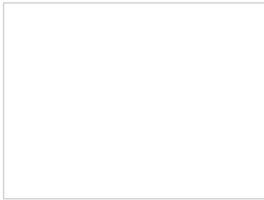
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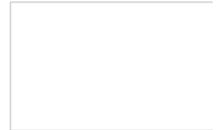
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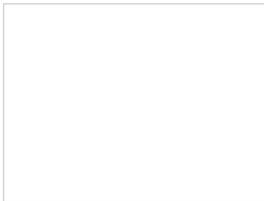
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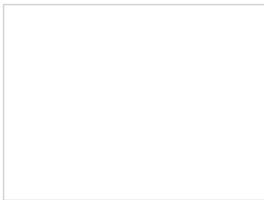


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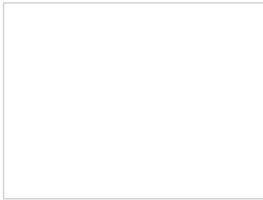


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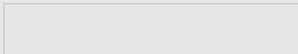
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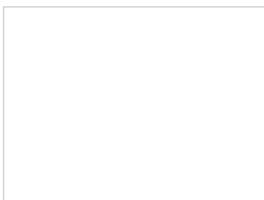
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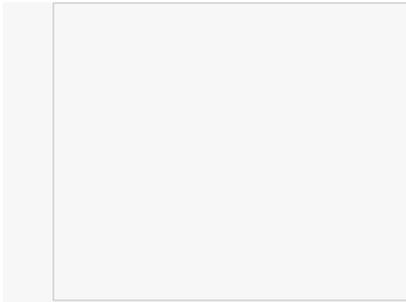
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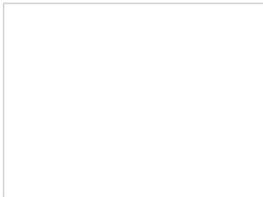
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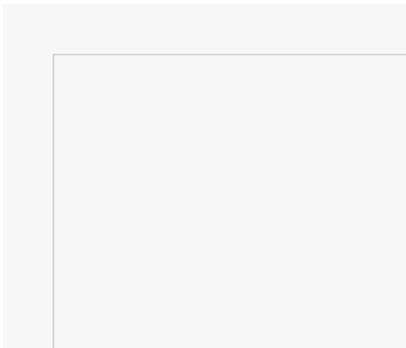


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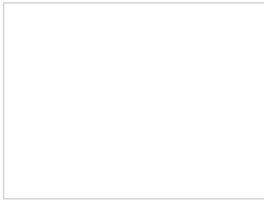
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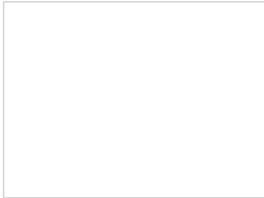
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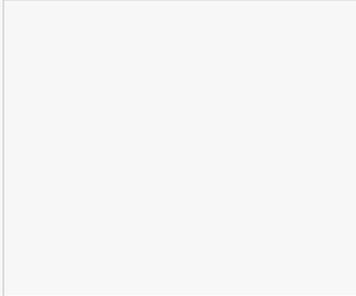
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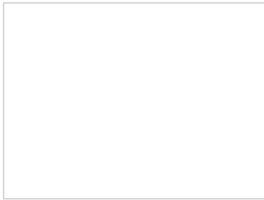
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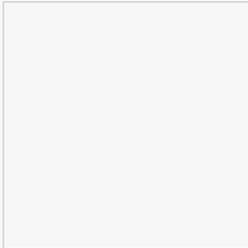


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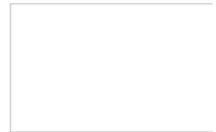


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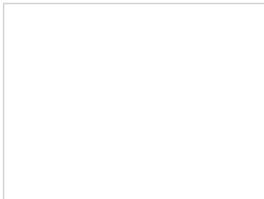
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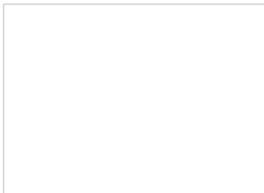


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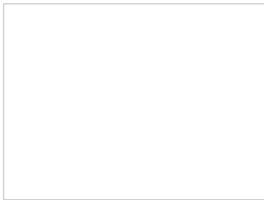


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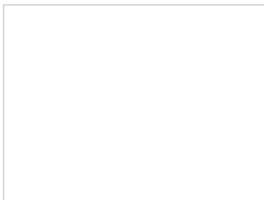
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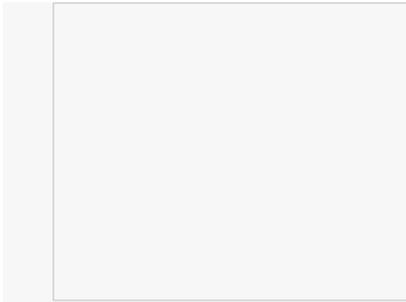
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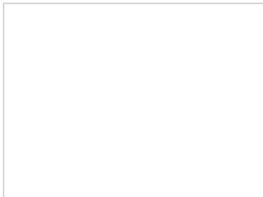
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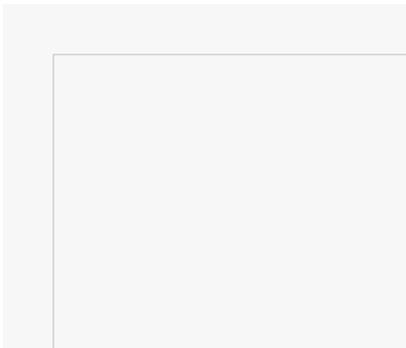


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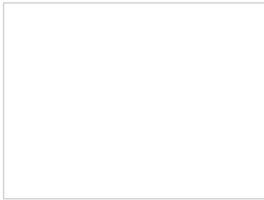
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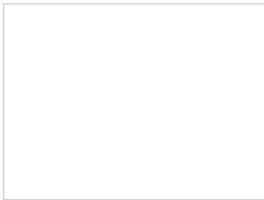
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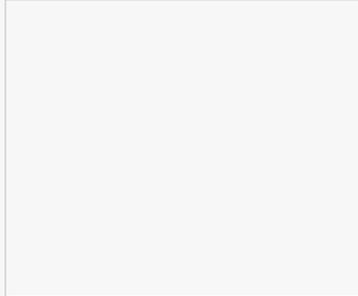
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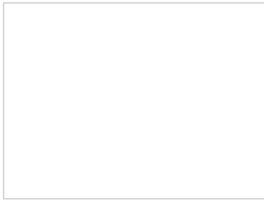
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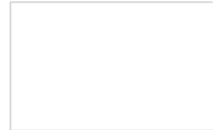
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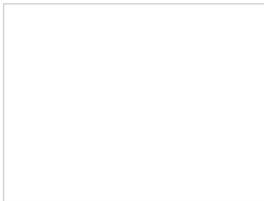
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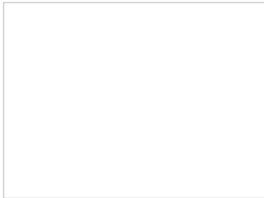


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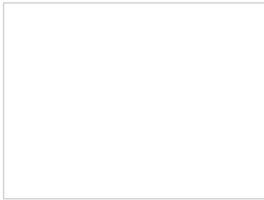


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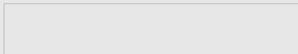
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### Proposed Bill Would Put an SRO on Every Campus in Rhode Island

By Sydney Shepard

A recently proposed bill would place a student resource officer at every school in Rhode Island, according to representatives from the state.

"We've had school shooting, after school shooting, after shooting and we really haven't seen a difference in our school security situation," said Rep. Gregg Amore.

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### [Facebook Post Suggesting Security Measure for Students Goes Viral After Florida Shooting](#)

By Sydney Shepard

The shooting in Parkland, Florida last week has created some somber tones on social media in the days following the incident that killed 17 people and injured nearly a dozen more. Parents, teachers and students have flooded to their Facebook, Twitter or Instagram profiles to share their feelings, give their opinions and share advice.

One post to go viral after the Feb. 14 shooting was a security measure suggestion from Katie Conelis on Facebook. The post, which has been shared over 1.3 million times, is a photo of a rubber door stop and a story of an aunt urging her nieces to keep it in their backpacks.

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## [Decentralized Assets, Centralized Control](#)

**By Ellie Randall**

In this day and age, securing educational facilities is not as simple as it once was. Long gone are the days of slapping CCTV cameras around the exterior of a building and calling it “secure.” There is no finite security solution for any one campus, and oftentimes, solutions will vary greatly in their technology depending on their size and location, among other factors.

More than likely, when one thinks of security in a campus setting, one probably thinks of the most common components: access control, high-security locks, cameras and maybe a visitor management system. However, with the constantly evolving state of campus safety and security, coupled with emerging technologies, it is time for schools to begin thinking about innovative solutions when it comes to their overall security plan.

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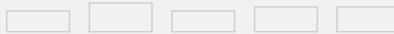
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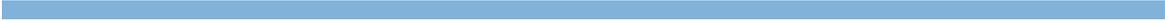
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An Idaho Senate committee voted to approve new school science standards as is and not delete any parts. Idaho had been the only state in which legislators had successfully removed references to climate change from school science standards. The vote ends that distinction for the state. [Read more>>](#)

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### Five ways to maximize the resale value of your school buses

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### All of W.V.'s public schools are closed due to a teacher walk-out over pay

CNN

Teachers in all of the state's 55 counties are participating in the planned two-day walk-out, and a group marched to the capitol building in Charleston. They plan to sit in the gallery during legislative sessions. Others are gathering outside the full galleries and continuing their protests. [Read more>>](#)

## Threats against schools increase since Florida shooting

NPR

Educators School Safety Network says it recorded about 50 threats a day on average since last week's school shooting as compared to the previous average of about 10 threats a day. Violent incidents or threats have occurred in 48 of the 50 states so far this school year. [Read more>>](#)

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## Senate panel votes to ban 'lunch shaming' in Virginia

Capital News Service and Associated Press via WJLA

Virginia's Senate Education and Health Committee voted in favor of a bill that would bar schools from giving students a hand stamp or wristband when their lunch account is empty, or ask students to do chores or throw away their meal if they cannot pay. [Read more>>](#)

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## Another casualty of Louisiana's budget problems? Teachers make less

The Advocate

Average public school teacher salaries in Louisiana finally reached the regional average in 2007. But now teachers are paid \$1,705 less than their peers in the region, another casualty of Louisiana's cycle of budget problems. [Read more>>](#)

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## Judge to proceed in Arizona school funding decision

Capitol Media Services via Arizona Daily Star

A judge won't delay deciding whether the state is violating constitutional requirements to adequately fund school capital needs while lawmakers decide what—if anything—they are going to do about the problem. The judge is still weighing arguments that there is no legal basis for the lawsuit. [Read more>>](#)

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From DA Magazine

## Heading the voice of school experience

Elyse Doti Cohen and Matthew Pearson

In 2014, the New York City Department of Education's Office of Leadership created the New Principal Support (NPS) program to reduce turnover and help experienced principals grow. [Read more>>](#)

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## More teens sneaking vaping devices into suburban high schools

Chicago Tribune

Smoking in the bathroom has returned with a twist at some Chicago-area high schools, where educators say they have seen a dramatic increase in the number of students caught vaping on campus recently. Teens use devices that range from a JUUL to e-cigarettes, which resemble highlighter markers or oversized lipsticks.

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## OPINION

### The economics of arming America's schools

The Washington Post

In the abstract, adding armed staff to schools does seem as if it could help curtail mass shooting incidents. Not prevent them, but ending mass shootings faster. But what does it mean in economic terms for one out of every five teachers to be prepared to engage with an armed individual intent on murdering students at a school? [Read more>>](#)

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### How school shootings have changed the teaching profession

NPR

Education schools are now training teachers how to deal with an active shooter. One expert says it hasn't deterred teachers from applying, but it has changed the profession, for better or worse. If we get to the point where we were arming teachers, then we would see people leave in a great amount. [Read more>>](#)

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## Elementary school homework probably isn't good for kids

Fatherly

Many parents are surprised to see a flood of projects and homework sent home with their kids starting as early as kindergarten. The problem? There is very little evidence to suggest that homework is anything more than a hassle when it's assigned to young children. [Read more>>](#)

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### District Administration Survey

## Be a source for our growth mindset story

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The growth mindset focuses on all learners' ability to increase their intelligence with the right educational guidance. DA wants to interview district leaders who have adopted this philosophy in their districts, and how it is impacting teachers, staff and students. [Contact us>>](#)

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## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Nonprofit to expand training, support to Atlanta-area teachers

National Math + Science Initiative

The National Math and Science Initiative has secured a \$6.1 million grant to train and drive retention of outstanding math, science and English teachers in two of Georgia's largest school districts. [Read more>>](#)

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### New visitor and incident management system launched

SilverShield, LLC

SilverShield offers a comprehensive visitor management system that provides instantaneous watch list and sex offender background checks on every visitor. The system also offers optional criminal background checks for a deeper look, and an incident management system that automatically and silently notifies all designated staff. [Read more>>](#)

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## PEOPLE WATCH

### Ohio district hires new school leader

Times Bulletin

Vicki Brunn has been hired as Van Wert City Schools' superintendent. She was most recently the superintendent at Central Local Schools in Ohio. Brunn will replace Superintendent Staci Kaufman. [Read more>>](#)

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### Allegheny-Limestone finds new superintendent in Tony Giannicchi

Olean Times Herald

The New York district picked Tony Giannicchi, who currently serves as principal of the Cattaraugus-Little Valley High School. He will replace Mark Ward, who has been serving as interim superintendent since former Superintendent Karen Geelan resigned last fall. [Read more>>](#)

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### Superintendent chosen for Watertown Public Schools

Town Times

Rydell Harrison was appointed as the Connecticut district's new superintendent. He is currently an assistant superintendent in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School District in North Carolina. Harrison will be replacing Superintendent Bridget Carnemolla. [Read more>>](#)

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