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### Future Ready Schools® Announces Eight Regional Institutes for District and School Leaders

Future Ready Schools® (FRS), a project of the Alliance for Excellent Education, announced a series of free regional events to support educators planning to implement personalizing learning strategies for their students. This student—centered approach tailors instruction to students' unique strengths and needs while engaging them in challenging, standards-based academic content. Click the link below to learn more and see the dates in your area.

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Click to Tweet: @FutureReady hosts regional institutes for district and school leaders #FutureReady http://futureready.org/frs-institutes/



## Statement from Gov. Bob Wise on President Trump's Budget Proposal

President Donald Trump released an outline of his budget proposal for fiscal year 2018 that proposes a cut of \$9.2 billion from the U.S. Department of Education's budget, or a 13.5 percent decrease that reduces funding from \$68.2 billion to \$59 billion. Alliance President Bob Wise responded to the proposal, saying that, "President Trump wants to make America great, but you can't do that without investing in the nation's future—its students. Like too many of the nation's students, the president's proposed budget for the U.S. Department of Education is in need of remediation."

Read Gov. Wise's Full Statement

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### How Linked Learning Connects High School to College and Career

Paola, a first–generation Guatemalan, was raised in a single–family household in Los Angeles. In middle school, Paola's coursework was rigorous, but something was missing--she couldn't see a connection between what she was learning in class and the real world. Then Paola arrived at STEM Academy of Hollywood, and her life changed.

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### **Coming Soon**

#### Future Ready Librarians: Leading Beyond the Library



How can school librarians support Future Ready Schools® (FRS)? Future Ready Librarians (FRL) responds to this challenge by identifying specific ways that librarians can lead, teach, and support personalized student learning.

This webinar will examine how librarians can support collaborative leadership by leading beyond the library. Hear from district and library leaders how school librarians are extending their leadership beyond their libraries to benefit their

schools and district.

Register Now

#### In Case You Missed It



# Federal Flash: DeVos Issues New ESSA Guidelines; Trump's "Skinny" Budget"

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recently released a new application for state accountability plans under the Every Student Succeeds Act. This episode of Federal Flash examines how the application changed and what it means for states--and stakeholders--going forward. It also examines President Trump's "skinny" budget, which contains an outline of spending priorities and cuts for various departments, including the U.S. Department of Education.

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#### **Alliance in the News**

The Alliance joined several education advocacy organizations asking the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to reverse a decision made last month about the Lifeline program, arguing that the companies that are now unable to join the program were needed to help close the "homework gap" by providing affordable internet access to low-income families.

Education Week references an Alliance report on English language learner students that urges educators to view students' linguistic and cultural backgrounds as unique resources to help improve achievement and reduce dropouts.

Read the article

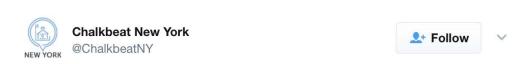
The new Future Ready Schools Institutes were featured in Digital Education, an *Education Week* blog. In the article, Tom Murray, the director for innovation for Future Ready Schools at the Alliance, explained that the institutes are intended to foster collaboration between and within districts, and to build regional networks of support that would go beyond the two-day events.

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NYC's English learners often struggle to graduate. Here's how some schools buck that trend







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