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Four Elements for Creating a Positive Learning Environment

For students to learn, they must feel safe, engaged, connected, and supported in their classrooms and schools. These "conditions for learning" are the elements of a school's climate that students experience personally. They contribute to students' academic achievement and success and are associated with improved grades and test scores; strong attendance; positive relationships between students, adults, and their peers; and minimal engagement in risky behaviors, according to *The School Discipline Consensus Report (SDCR)* developed by The Council of State Governments Justice Center.

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Exploring Linked Learning in Los Angeles High Schools

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Science of Learning: Where Student Health and Learning Intersect

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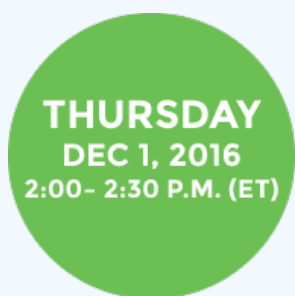
Getting Connected: Developing a Personal Network of Support

**THURSDAY
NOV 17, 2016
2:00– 2:30 P.M. (ET)**

During this webinar, instructional technologist Will Deyamport will share research-based strategies and personal anecdotes to effectively engage, share, and design one's own personal learning network (PLN). Deyamport and Tom Murray, Director of Innovation for Future Ready Schools, will discuss various aspects of PLNs, including findings from research studies, experiences with building and sustaining a vibrant PLN, and strategies, tools, and other resources available to assist teachers, schools, and districts in getting connected.

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From Theory to Practice: How Blended and Personalized Learning Comes to Life in the Classroom

**THURSDAY
DEC 1, 2016
2:00– 2:30 P.M. (ET)**

This webinar will highlight how The Learning Accelerator (TLA) thinks technology can be used to benefit every student in America and will offer specific classroom examples of where technology is accelerating student learning. Panelists will provide unique insights into these practices, including how they evolved from an idea to an instructional strategy, as well as the conditions and supports that make them possible.

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In Case You Missed It

Federal Flash: Comparing Clinton and Trump on Education; ESSA Implementation

This special Election Day edition of Federal Flash examines education proposals from Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. It also explores how a new president will affect implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and staffing at the U.S. Department of Education.

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Alliance in the News

Bob Wise focuses on how little data can personalize learning in *WIRED* magazine, saying "We need to look at what data makes possible in the interaction between one teacher and one student."

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The Hechinger Report focuses on the importance of improving higher education for Latino students. Wise describes this as a moment in society "where the morals and the money have joined."

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The Alliance's "toolkits to de-mystify ESSA" were featured in *District Administration*. The toolkits include videos, policy and standards analyses, and links to ESSA resources.

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