




## Combining High School Transformation and Education Transitions in the Age of President-Elect Donald Trump

The election is over, and, with the subsiding of the first shock waves of a Donald Trump presidency, those committed to massive transformation of high schools must evaluate what has changed, what is the same, and what will be the most effective strategies during the next five years.

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## States and the Trump Administration Should Stay the Course with ED's Accountability Regulations

Within the last three weeks, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) issued the long-awaited final regulations to implement the accountability provisions of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The question on everyone's™ mind is with the Trump administration taking the helm in just a matter of weeks, do these regulations really matter?

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## Education Secretary John King Focuses on Education, Leadership, and Equity in Final Policy Speech

In his last major policy speech, U.S. Secretary of Education John King delivered what could be seen as a motivational speech for education advocates preparing for President-elect Donald Trump's plans to expand school choice options for students through a \$20 billion voucher program that would allow federal funds to follow students to private schools.

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## Science of Learning: Debunking the Myth About Left-Brain/Right-Brain Learning Styles

Kara Blacker, PhD, a distinguished science of learning fellow in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Johns Hopkins University, asks and answers questions, including is there any scientific evidence behind the idea that our personalities, learning styles, or strengths are the result of an unbalanced brain? More importantly, how do these ideas influence educational practices? What happens when teachers buy into these ideas and students internalize these notions about themselves?

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## College Attainment Rates Lag for African Americans, Latinos, and Low-Income Students

Today's young adults have the highest rate of postsecondary education attainment in U.S. history. That academic success has not reached all groups equally, though, and significant education attainment gaps persist along gender, race, and income lines. But future cohorts of students—namely those currently in high school and college—are poised to close those gaps, according to a new report.

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## As the Total Number of High School Graduates Declines, Latino Graduates See the Greatest Growth

While the percentage of students graduating from high school within four years has climbed steadily, the actual number of students graduating on time is declining, with the greatest decrease projected for the Class of 2017, according to a new report from the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).

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## Federal Flash ⚡



# What Happens to ESSA Regulations Issued Under Obama When Trump Takes Over?

Although the Obama administration's days are numbered, they are doing what they can to influence the implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) under President-elect Trump. But what will happen to the ESSA regulations issued under Obama when President-elect Trump moves into the White House? Watch this week's Federal Flash for options the next administration could have to change or eliminate the regulations:

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## Coming Soon



## Digital Learning Day: Add Your #DLDay Event to the Map!

Digital Learning Day 2017 is right around the corner. On February 23, 2017, teachers and students from around the country will participate in the nationwide celebration highlighting great teaching and demonstrating how technology can improve student outcomes. If you're planning to participate, add your event to our map!

Add your event

## In Case You Missed It



## PISA Day: Global Lessons for the U.S. Education System and Economy

The Alliance hosted a series of digital panel discussions on the most recent results from the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) a test of reading literacy, mathematics, and science given



every three years to fifteen-year-olds in the United States and more than seventy countries and economies. The OECD's Andreas Schleicher shared [important lessons to learn from PISA 2015](#) and PISA's impact on the U.S. education systems. Other sessions included [The Economic Impact of Education Through the Lens of PISA](#), [Using PISA for School and District Improvement: The OECD Test for Schools](#), and [Implications of PISA for Policy and Practice](#).

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## Adolescent Brain Development: What It Means for High Schools and Learning

Ron Dahl, pediatrician and world-renowned developmental scientist, discusses research on the topic of adolescent neurodevelopment and the potential impact that research could have on schools, teaching and learning, and education policy.

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## Equity and ESSA: Using the New ESSA Regulations to Advance Educational Opportunity

How can ESSA advance educational opportunity? This webinar, designed for state policymakers and education stakeholders, focuses on how states can effectively design multiple-measure accountability systems to assess overall school performance and progress—including gaps in student performance—and drive evidence-based interventions and continuous improvement across all schools and for all students.

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## What's in Your Space?: The Impact of Space on Student Learning

For two decades, educators have been told to incorporate skills for the global economy, adapt to diverse learning styles, and employ technology. This requires changing thinking and physical spaces. How can or should these spaces change to keep pace with and reflect twenty-first-century teaching models? This webinar discusses five practical steps to help educators shift their thinking and transform their physical learning spaces so that they work for today's students, or Generation Z.

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## New Face at the Alliance

### C. Lynn McNair

Vice President of Philanthropic Partnerships

C. Lynn McNair joined the Alliance in December 2016 as vice president of philanthropic partnerships. She brings nearly thirty years of progressive philanthropy and fund development experience securing resources for small and large nonprofit organizations with national and/or international missions and agendas. Ms. McNair has extensive knowledge and experience working with foundations, corporations, government agencies, and individuals.

Most recently, Ms. McNair was senior director of philanthropy and partnership development at the Internet Society, an international organization trusted as the world's independent source of leadership for internet policy, technology standards, and future development. She also worked for the Salzburg Global Seminar; the American Association of University Women (AAUW), an organization that promotes equity in education for women and girls and provides legal advocacy in cases of sex discrimination in higher education; and the National Governors Association.

Learn more about Ms. McNair

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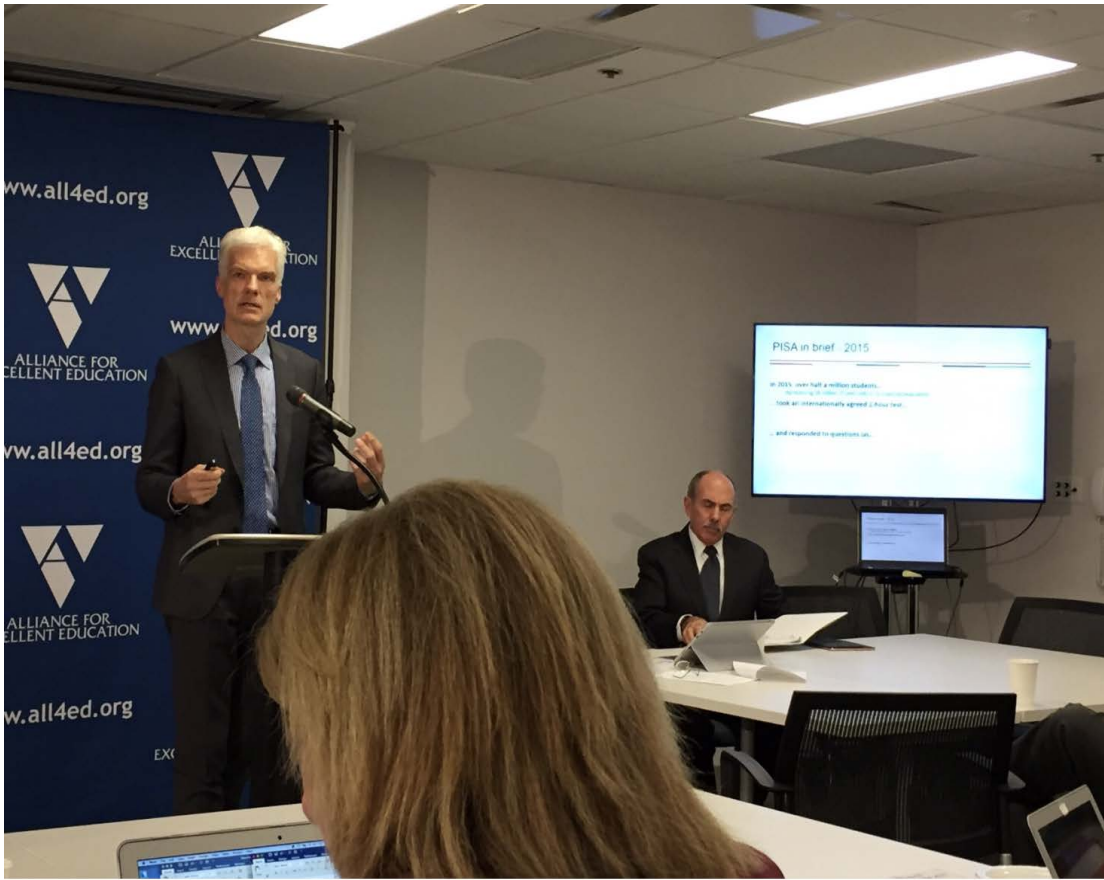


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Andreas Schleicher, OECD Education, Bob Wise and 3 others

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The Alliance for Excellent Education wishes you and yours a happy holiday season and best wishes for 2017! This is the last issue before the Alliance newsletter—although not the Alliance staff—settles in for a short winter's nap. The next issue of *Straight A's* will be **January 17, 2017**.

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