



The Future of Future Ready Schools®

Alliance for Excellent Education President Bob Wise writes that the future of Future Ready Schools® is extremely bright and outlines a series of upcoming announcements that will help build on the momentum to help district leaders, school leaders, and teachers plan and implement personalized, research-based digital learning strategies so all students can achieve their full potential.

“Future Ready Schools was created with the understanding that the Alliance for Excellent Education would develop and run the program as a freestanding program, no matter who succeeded Barack Obama as president,” Wise writes. “No federal funds have ever been given to support the Future Ready Schools program. It was built and continues to thrive in consultation with its sixty national partners and is supported and managed by the Alliance.”

[Read Gov. Wise's message](#)

 [Click to Tweet:](#) .@BobWise48 discusses the future of @FutureReady. Click for more info on upcoming #FutureReady announcements: <http://all4ed.org/future-of-future-ready-schools/>



State Education Chiefs Have a Moral Imperative? to Support Education Equity, According to New CCSSO Report

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) grants states new flexibility for how they improve students' academic outcomes, and that flexibility offers states a unique opportunity to create more equitable education systems. Consequently, chief state school officers must play a central role in advancing educational equity for all students, according to a new report from the Aspen Institute Education & Society Program and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO).

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State of the State Addresses: Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Alabama

In the most recent round of state of the state addresses, the nation's governors have touted increased spending on education, as well as efforts to better prepare high schools students for college and the workforce, including investments in career and technical education, greater linkages between high schools and employers, and free community college for all. We examine education proposals contained in the state of the state addresses from the governors of Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Alabama.

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TODAY!



Future Ready Librarians: What's Not to Love?

February 14, 2017

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm EST

Join Future Ready Schools® (FRS) for a webinar that introduces viewers to the Future Ready Librarians (FRL) program and how savvy information and technology professionals can support FRS. The FRL program makes a difference within schools and education by supporting and leading FRS's goals through professional practice, programs, and spaces. .

[Watch the webinar](#)

Coming Soon

Digital Learning Day 2017: Over 600 Local Events Already Planned! Add Yours Today! #DLDay

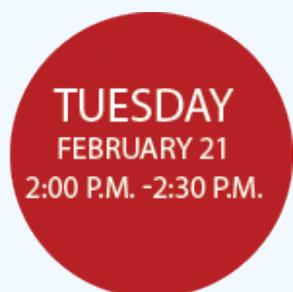


Digital Learning Day 2017 is less than ten days away and our Digital Learning Day map is starting to fill up! On February 23, 2017, teachers and students from around the country will participate in the nationwide celebration highlighting great teaching and demonstrating how technology can improve student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

[Add your event](#)



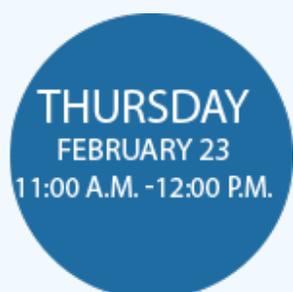
Digital Learning and the Importance of Interoperability and Open Standards



As the use of digital solutions increases in the classroom, districts find themselves inundated with disparate data and proprietary access paths making management and use of these solutions challenging and sometimes impossible. Webinar panelists will discuss common challenges implementing digital solutions; the power of open standards and practical use within school districts; the messy reality of data and the critical of implementation support; and the importance of collaboration and communication between providers and districts.

[Register for the webinar](#)

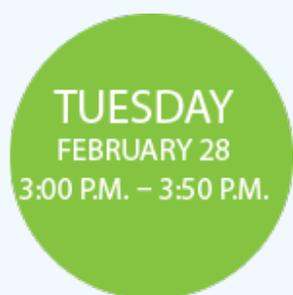
Digital Learning Day Webinar: The Value of a Connected Classroom



This webinar will focus on the challengesâ€”funding and otherwiseâ€”and solutions to building out a school districtâ€™s technology infrastructure in order to provide high-speed connections to the internet that are so vital to twenty-first-century teaching and learning. It will also feature advice and tips for librarians and teachers from digital innovators on how to take advantage of connected classrooms to build rigorous and relevant lesson plans and other activities that can engage todayâ€™s students and prepare them for success.

[Register for the webinar](#)

OECD Test for Schools: Gwinnett County Public Schools on a Global Stage



This webinar will highlight the Allianceâ€™s recently released case study on schools and districts that use the OECD Test for Schools to drive improvement efforts with a special emphasis on Gwinnett County Public Schools, the largest school district in Georgia and among the fifteen largest school districts in the country.

[Register for the webinar](#)

In Case You Missed It



Federal Flash: Betsy DeVos Confirmed as Education Secretary, Plus Action in the U.S. House and FCC

It was quite a week for federal education policy. Betsy DeVos is the new U.S. Secretary of Education and there was important action affecting education in both the U.S. House of Representatives and Federal Communications Commission.

[Watch the Video](#)

Alliance in the News

The *Gwinnett Daily Post* covers the Alliance's™ recent case study, [OECD Test for Schools: How Three School Systems Are Improving Student Achievement](#), which spotlights how Gwinnett County Public Schools (GA); Granger Independent School District (TX); and University Academy charter school (MO) have used the OECD Test for Schools to monitor students'™ academic outcomes and inform shifts in policy and teacher practice to meet students'™ learning needs. [Read the article.](#)

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The Waco Tribune-Herald spotlights progress made by the Waco Independent School District in tackling high teacher turnover rates. The article cites [research from the Alliance](#) finding that about half a million teachers leave the profession each year in the U.S., costing up to \$2.2 billion annually.

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Blocking schoolhouse doors to an Ed. Sec. is no way to build support for public schools. We have a good story to tell. [@BetsyDeVos](#) [@usedgov](#)

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How to use #edtech to increase student achievement & engagement? Here's a good resource in time for #DLDay: all4ed.org/reports-factsh ...



What are the three components to successfully using technology with at-risk students?

- 1 interactive learning;
- 2 use of technology to explore and create rather than to "drill and kill;" and
- 3 the right blend of teachers and technology.

Download the report to learn more:
<http://tinyurl.com/UsingEdTech>

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