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## Digital Learning Day Wrap-Up

February 22 marked the seventh annual Digital Learning Day (DLDay). When the Alliance for Excellent Education created Digital Learning Day in 2012, the idea of technology in the classroom was a new, even controversial idea. In the years since, many schools and school districts around the country have turned every day into a digital learning day. Now DLDay is an opportunity to celebrate effective teaching powered by technology.

This year, educators added more than [2,000 events to the official DLDay map](#) and shared more than 15,000 tweets using the #DLDay hashtag. See [DLDay events in action](#) on Twitter, and be sure to watch this [DLDay webinar](#) on how innovative districts blend teaching and technology to improve student outcomes.

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## Future Ready Schools® Releases New Guide for Districts Looking to Blend Teaching with Technology

Future Ready Schools® (FRS), an initiative of the Alliance for Excellent Education (All4Ed), has released a new guide for school districts interested in using "blended learning" to support their approach to instruction. Blended learning is a variety of practices and strategies that combine online learning with in-person instruction from classroom teachers to give students greater control over the pace, location, and path of their learning.

To provide a real-world example of how a school district uses blended learning to support instruction, the guide, *Blending Teaching and Technology: Simple Strategies for Improved Student Learning*, showcases Lindsay Unified School District (LUSD). In this highly mobile rural district in California's Central Valley, 86 percent of students come from low-income families and more than half are English language learners.

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## Upcoming Webinars

### Science of Adolescent Learning: Using Public-Private Partnerships to Drive Secondary School Improvement

**THURSDAY**  
MARCH 8, 2018  
2:00 - 3:00 P.M.  
(EDT)

As All4Ed continues to support public school and district leaders in aligning their policy and practice with the science of adolescent learning (SAL), this webinar will highlight one of many successful partnerships working to ensure SAL-based approaches are used systemwide.

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## In Case You Missed It



### How Innovative Districts Blend Teaching and Technology to Improve Student Outcomes

In celebration of the seventh annual Digital Learning Day (DLDAY), this webinar featured the release of a new report, *Blending Teaching and Technology: Simple Strategies for Improved Student Learning*. The report offers a collection of strategies aligned to the Future Ready Schools® framework that school district leaders can use to implement an instructional approach supported by blended learning.

Watch the Webinar

# The Every Student Succeeds Act



To keep you up to date on the latest happenings with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and its implementation, the Alliance for Excellent Education has created a series of bite-sized materials – both print and video – that provide concise but comprehensive analyses of several key areas within ESSA.

[Access ESSA Materials](#)

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This Federal Flash examines the winners and losers in President Trump's education budget request, as well as the implications for education in Congress's budget deal and Trump's infrastructure plan.

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## All4Ed in the News

### School Rating Problems in ESSA Plans

*Politics K-12* recently explored issues with school rating systems in state ESSA plans. Several state plans approved by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos allow school to get the highest ratings even if student subgroups are falling behind. The article explains the issue and shares arguments from various points of views, including All4Ed, civil rights groups, the Department of Education, and *Politics K-12*.

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## Digging Into Data to Raise Grad Rates

All4Ed recently presented on a panel at [AASA's national conference](#) on how to utilize economic impact data at the state level to help build partnerships to raise high school graduation rates.

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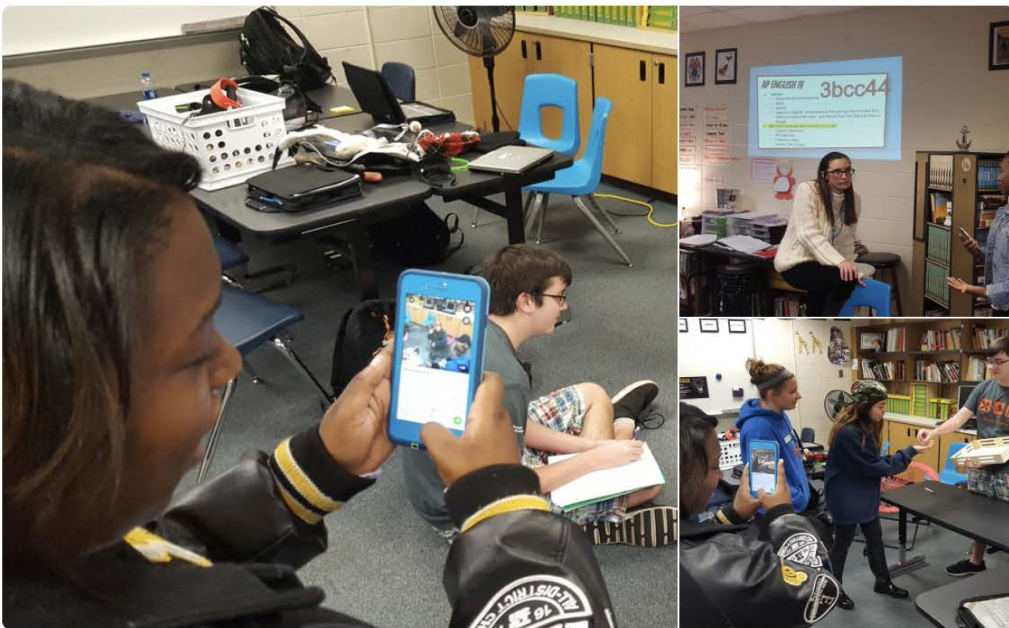


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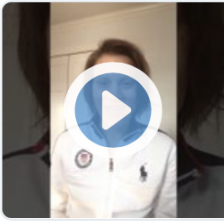


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