



"Why Do the White Teachers Always Quit?"

That morning started like any other that semester. I parked in the visitor lot at the high school in San Antonio, Texas, and showed the receptionist my ID badge with the word "SUBSTITUTE" printed in bold purple letters across the bottom. She smiled and waved me to a desk in the back of the office where she handed me a sticky note with a room number on it. I made my way through the school, searching for the number, as students gathered outside their advisory classes eating their breakfasts. I found my room—an eleventh-grade chemistry class—unlocked the door and reviewed the teacher's lesson plans for the day. Written across the board in large letters were the classroom expectations: BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE READY. In retrospect, these guidelines were perhaps a reminder for me, just as much as for the students.

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Gov. Bob Wise in Support of New Career and Technical Education Law

Passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, President Trump on July 31 signed a bill to rewrite the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. In support of the bill, the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, Alliance for Excellent Education President Bob Wise today offered the following statement:

"The economic success of the nation depends on a qualified and competent workforce that demonstrates advanced levels of knowledge and skill along the education continuum. Ensuring that all students are prepared for both college and a career to meet these demands comes by giving all students access to high-quality CTE programs that are integrated with rigorous academics and real-world learning experiences."

[Read Gov. Wise's Full Statement](#)

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Deepening Students' Learning at Pittsburgh Brashear High School

After the Pennsylvania Department of Education identified Pittsburgh Brashear High School as a priority school for improvement, the school's educators began to rethink their approach to instruction. Teacher leaders wanted to identify promising practices that would improve engagement for the school's 1,230 students, most of whom are African American or come from low-income families. They also were looking for ways to increase academic rigor and promote cross-curricular instruction to enable all students to achieve academic excellence. So what did they do?

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Listen: The OECD's Andreas Schleicher on What the United States Can Learn from Other Countries to Improve Education

When our good friend Andreas Schleicher stops by, it's hard to resist asking him to lend his international perspective to some of the big questions facing education in the United States today. So, after our July 12 webinar on his new book, *World Class: How to Build a 21st-Century School System*, Andreas and All4Ed President Bob Wise talked about politics, policy, and some of the challenges and opportunities facing the U.S. education system.

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Deeper Learning Digest: How One High School Integrated Deeper Learning Into Its Curriculum

In this week's Deeper Learning Digest, learn how direct technical assistance helped teacher leaders implement strategies that support deeper learning. Also discover what happens when schools are linked together in networks that share models, tools, and professional learning experiences.

This week's Digest also explores dynamic math instruction and how to make project-based learning stick through professional development. And if you want to learn more about how adolescents' tick, do we have a resource for you.

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Coming Soon

TODAY! Science of Adolescent Learning: How Body and Brain Development Affect Student Learning

In this webinar, All4Ed welcomes Dr. Jesse Washington, III, a practitioner, and Dr. Richard Clark, a researcher, to examine biological changes that occur during adolescence, both in the body and the brain, and to discuss how to ensure that learning opportunities support adolescents' development during this critical time. The webinar will also feature the release of the first of All4Ed's four-part series on the science of adolescent learning, *How Body and Brain Development Affect Student Learning*.

WEDNESDAY
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In Case You Missed It



The Secret Life of the Teenage Brain

What do changes to the brain during adolescence mean for the parents of adolescent students and practitioners who teach them every day? Watch this All4Ed webinar with All4Ed President Bob Wise and Sarah-Jayne Blakemore, PhD, professor of cognitive neuroscience at University College London, and author of *Inventing Ourselves: The Secret Life of the Teenage Brain*.

[Watch the Webinar](#)

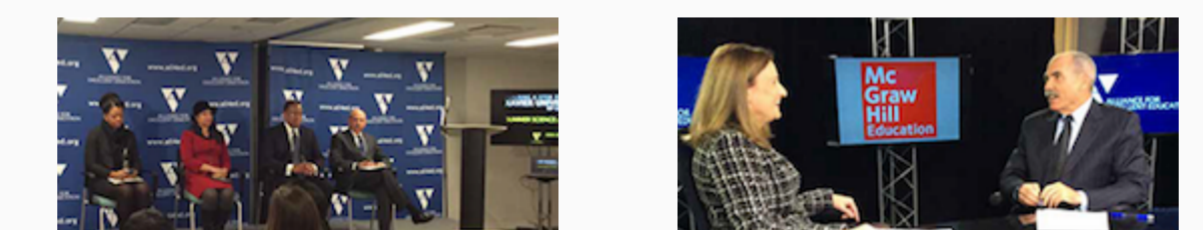
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Federal Flash



This Federal Flash covers three important things in the new federal career and technical education bill that is on its way to President Trump's desk.

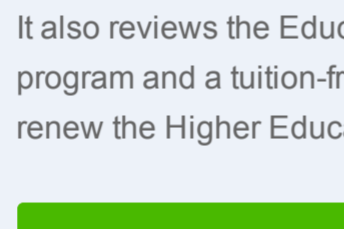
It also reviews the Education Department's proposed new rules for the charter school program and a tuition-free community college proposal from House Democrats to renew the Higher Education Act.

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[Click to Tweet](#): What are three important things to know about the new federal career and technical education law that is on its way to President Trump's desk? Find out in this #FederalFlash from @All4Ed: <https://youtu.be/21F6iDUjBU>

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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, All4Ed has created a series of bite-sized materials that provide concise but comprehensive analyses of several key areas within ESSA.

[Access ESSA Materials](#)

All4Ed in the News

Answering ESSA Questions

Education Week's Politics K-12 regularly answers questions on different aspects of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). In response to a question about how the funding for ESSA's testing requirements work, Alyson Klein reached out to All4Ed for some specifics.

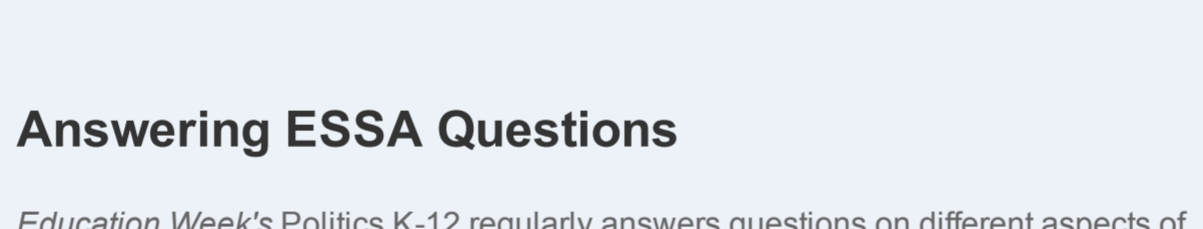
[Read the Answer](#)

"The Great Edtech Communicator"

Tom Murray, Director of Innovation for Future Ready Schools, a project of All4Ed, was recently named "2018 EdTech Leader of the Year" by *EdTech Digest*. Read this great interview with Murray in *EdTech Digest*.

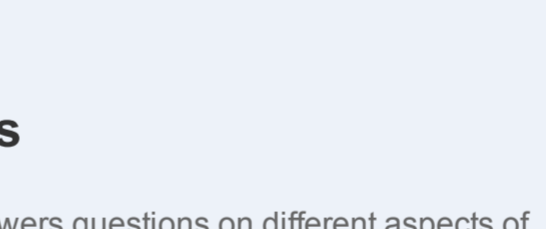
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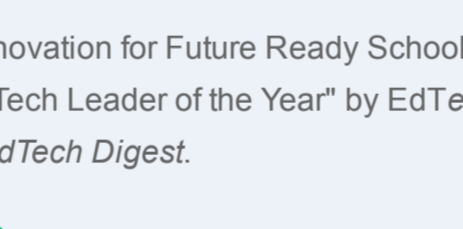
Supply and demand: Getting low-income kids into better jobs by getting them into better schools

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With Man Up, a new Memphis teacher prep program is training, mentoring men of color

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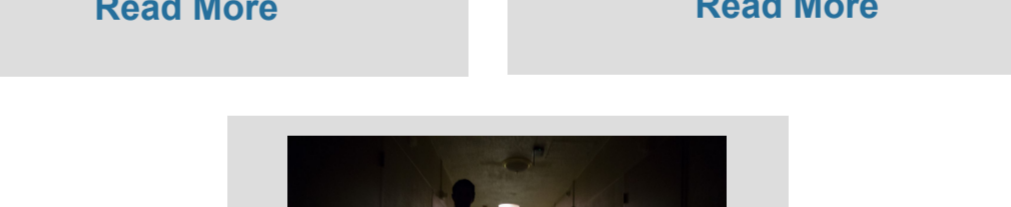
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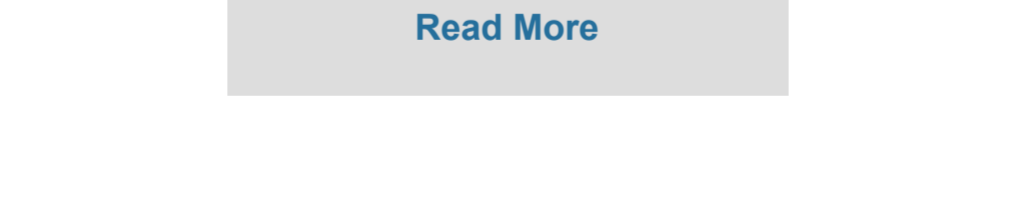
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Vanessa Keadle @vkeadle
"Education is the only passport through poverty." Former WV Governor @BobWise48 speaking truth to power this morning at #StudentSuccessWV



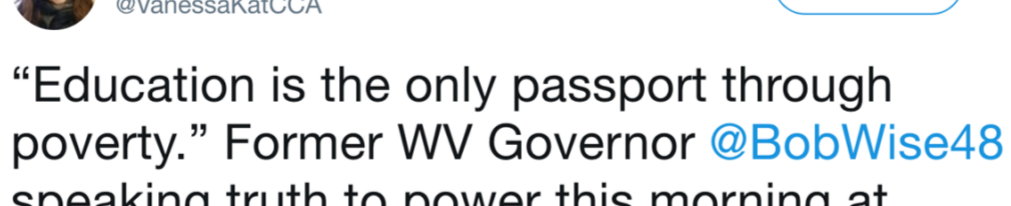
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A Summer Postcard from the Alliance for Excellent Education

Dear *Straight A's* Reader: With schools around the country out for summer and vacations underway across the U.S., the All4Ed newsletter—although not the All4Ed staff—will be taking a brief summer vacation. The next issue of *Straight A's* will be on September 11. In the meantime, please follow All4Ed on Twitter at www.twitter.com/all4ed and visit All4Ed's [High School Soup](http://HighSchoolSoup.com) blog for the latest education news. Also, keep an eye on the All4Ed website for upcoming webinars at <http://all4ed.org/webinars>.