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Governor Bob Wise, CEO of the Alliance for Excellent Education, to Step Down in 2019

While *Straight A's* was on its summer recess, some pretty big news hit the stands at the Alliance for Excellent Education. Our leader, Gov. Bob Wise, is stepping down as chief executive officer (CEO) on January 31, 2019. All4Ed's board of directors will conduct a nationwide search for the organization's next CEO, assisted by the executive search firm Isaacson, Miller.

Instead of simply reading this headline, we'd encourage you to take a moment to watch a short video of Gov. Wise sharing this news. And, in typical Bob Wise fashion, it does involve a prop!

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Three Things You Didn't Know About Adolescence

Most people know that adolescents face dramatic changes in their appearance, but they do not know those changes are accompanied by biological changes in their brains too. These years of adolescence are a time of great opportunity and a time of increased vulnerability for students.

How can educators, policymakers, and advocates can support adolescents' academic, social, emotional, physical, and health needs? It's no easy task, but understanding the science behind adolescent learning and development is one important step.

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Creating a Culture of Innovation for Highline Public Schools

Recognizing that the world students will enter after high school has evolved, district leaders at Highline Public Schools developed a new four-year strategic plan designed to meet students' needs more effectively, improve their learning outcomes, better leverage digital learning strategies, and create a culture of innovation to support effective technology use. See how Alliance for Excellent Education's (All4Ed's) Future Ready Schools® (FRS) program for resources and guidance helped support Highline's team in this work.

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"Democracy Must Be Learned by Each Generation": The Importance of Elevating Student Voice

At the start of my sophomore year of high school, a friend introduced me to a statewide Pennsylvania Youth and Government (YAG) program. "You get to write laws," I remember her saying excitedly, while showing me the more than 500 pages of student bills. "You're like a legislator." Every student bill that was signed by the program's youth governor landed on the desk of Pennsylvania's real governor to consider as legitimate legislation. To me, the concept of having the chance to advise state policy as an adolescent was revolutionary. During the next three years, YAG gave me the confidence to voice the opinions that I previously thought were unworthy of consideration and I became aware of policy issues I did not know existed. The program changed my life, and the skills I gained from it will be long lasting.

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Coming Soon

A School Superintendent's Challenge to America

TUESDAY
SEPT 18, 2018
2:00– 3:00 P.M.
(EDT)

In this webinar conversation with Alliance for Excellent Education President Bob Wise, Jonathan Raymond, president of the Stuart Foundation, will offer advice and share lessons learned from his new book, *Wildflowers: A School Superintendent's Challenge to America*. Part memoir, part manifesto, Raymond's book journeys into the Sacramento school system to bring readers into the heart of the nation's education crisis.

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I'm Charged: How to Become a Student-Centered Learning Ambassador

FRIDAY
SEPT 28, 2018
2:00 – 2:45 P.M.
(EDT)

Meriden Public Schools is engaged in a digital transformation that supports student-centered learning by supporting personalized professional learning for their teachers. In this webinar, representatives from Meriden School District will share how they are using the "I'm Charged" initiative to support personalized professional learning for teachers while also leading a digital transition to meaningfully integrate technology into the classroom.

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In Case You Missed It



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

Ever wonder what makes adolescents tick? Most people know that adolescents face dramatic changes in their appearance, but they do not know those changes are accompanied by biological changes in their brains too, making these years in adolescence both a time of great opportunity and a time of increased vulnerability. On August 1, 2018, All4Ed held a webinar with 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.

Watch the Webinar

The webinar featured 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*. The report highlights five essential findings about adolescent learning and development and includes recommendations for how educators, policymakers, and advocates can support adolescents' academic, social, emotional, physical, and health needs.

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Federal Flash Goes Back To School! Students Weigh in on Low-Performing Schools & Career and Technical Education



What better way to kick off the school year than have students live up the Federal Flash? Watch as Justice, Elizabeth, and Katie share their ideas for improving low-performing schools and advocate for strong career and technical education.

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Federal policymakers may be opening the door to more guns in schools. This Federal Flash explains how. It also updates education spending and efforts to avoid a government shutdown later this month.

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The Every Student Succeeds Act--New State Dashboards Available



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.

Under ESSA, states have flexibility to chart their own path to educational success, but they must submit a plan to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) explaining how they will reach these goals. To provide a quick reference guide of strengths—and shortcomings—for each state's plan, All4Ed created the series, "ESSA Equity Dashboards."

Recently, All4Ed added new one-page "dashboards" summarizing the pros and cons in the ESSA plans for these states:

- Alabama

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All4Ed in the News

Perkins Act Given Another 6 Years of Life

The nation's career and technical education law, the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, finally received an update this summer after six years. "By updating the federal law supporting career and technical education, Congress completed an important summer homework assignment," said All4Ed President Bob Wise.

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It's Not Just Early Childhood

Early childhood is a "critical developmental period," reflected All4Ed President Bob Wise in *Forbes*, but learning doesn't end there. When it comes to STEM, starting early will give kids a leg up, but students need to be lifelong STEM learners.

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New Face at All4Ed

Anne Hyslop

Assistant Director, Policy Development & Government Relations

Anne Hyslop joined All4Ed in July 2018 and supports the organization's work with state education leaders to build systems that promote equity and excellence for all students and with policymakers, advocates, and thought leaders to build better understanding of the implications of states' policy choices in light of the changes and opportunities resulting from implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

For more than a decade, Hyslop has focused on creating effective, high-quality, and equity-oriented policies that will better serve students, emphasizing standards, assessment, accountability, and school turnaround. With experience at the state and federal levels, she has worked to drive change through policy analysis and research, writing, strategic consulting, and technical assistance. From 2014–2016, Hyslop was a senior policy advisor in the Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development at the U.S. Department of Education (ED). In this role, she helped develop and implement the Obama administration's K–212 policy priorities under ESEA Flexibility, supported the drafting of ESSA, and led ED's efforts to write ESSA regulations and guidance for school accountability and innovative assessments.

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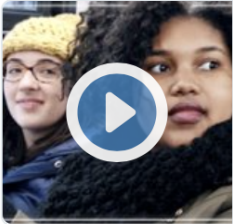
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Thank you Gov Bob Wise for setting the stage for the Preparing Effective School Leaders policy discussion. “Is the principal being encouraged to be an innovator?”
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