



Trump's Pick for Education Secretary Faces Contentious Hearing

Yesterday evening, Betsy DeVos, President-elect Donald Trump's nominee to lead the U.S. Department of Education, portrayed herself as a strong advocate for parent choice while addressing criticism from Senate Democrats about her lack of support for--and experience in--public schools. "Federal Flash", the Alliance's five-minute video series on education policy in Washington, DC, will provide highlights from the hearing later this week.



Parting Words: Secretary of Education, First Lady, and President Obama Reflect on the Education Accomplishments of the Outgoing Administration

Even though just a few days remain before President-elect Donald Trump takes office, members of President Barack Obama's team have continued to advance the education priorities of the current administration, including issuing regulations and state guidance on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Amid that work, though, U.S. Secretary of Education John King, First Lady Michelle Obama, and even President Obama himself have taken time in their final remarks to reflect on the administration's education accomplishments and outline the challenges that await the next administration.

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STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESSES: Education Transformation and High School Graduation Rates on the Forefront

President-elect Donald Trump is not the only executive stepping in front of a podium this month. The beginning of a new year also means that the nation's governors will be celebrating recent successes and outlining new programs and ideas in their annual state of the state addresses. Governors speaking early in 2017 have focused on education accomplishments, including raising high school graduation rates, and presented areas for improvement and transformation.

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Coming Soon

The OECD Test for Schools: Global Comparability and School and District Improvement in the United States

TUESDAY
JAN 31, 2017
3:00- 4:00 P.M.
(EST)

The Alliance and the Global Learning Network (GLN) host a webinar to highlight the release of a new issue brief on schools and districts that use the OECD Test for Schools, a school-level test based on the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). The OECD Test for Schools functions like an index of the factors that matter for student success and allows educators to develop a road map for continuous change and improved student achievement.

[Register for the webinar](#)

Future Ready Librarians: What's Not to Love?

TUESDAY
FEB 14, 2017
4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
(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.

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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!

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In Case You Missed It



The Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning: Bringing Mind, Brain, and Education Science to Teachers and the Classroom

This webinar explores how the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning (CTTL) works to ensure that teachers receive training and ongoing annual professional development in mind, brain, and education science. Based at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, Maryland, CTTL is "a sterling example of how educators are informing the teaching and learning process through research-based practices."

[Watch the Event](#)

Alliance in the News

The Alliance's Vice President for Policy to Practice, Dr. Stephanie Wood-Garnett talks about shifting the conversation on teacher shortage and gives advice on how to impact policy to help solve this complex issue. Listen to the conversation on Teaching Channel's *anewkindofPD* podcast.

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The Arizona Republic argues that "the impact of dropouts on the economy has been largely ignored," sharing the Alliance's Graduation Effect data to emphasize the benefit of graduating more students from high school. Read more about solving Arizona's high-school dropout problem.

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Teacher attrition has a severe impact on schools that serve students from low-income families and students of color, reports *VICE News*. "In these schools, poor learning climates and low achievement often result in students – and teachers – leaving in droves," said Alliance President Bob Wise.

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