

Highlights from Digital Learning Day 2017

Tens of thousands of educators and students across the country demonstrated how technology can improve student learning as part of the sixth annual Digital Learning Day (DLDay) on February 23, 2017. Nearly 2,000 local events, including Skype chats with mystery guests, coding exercises, and group science projects with digital tools, decorated the DLDay map, highlighting great teaching and demonstrating how technology can improve student outcomes.

[See DLDay Highlights](#)

The Alliance hosted a DLDay webinar on the value of a connected classroom, providing important and practical information for superintendents, principals, and teachers.

[Watch the Webinar](#)



In Joint Address to Congress, President Trump Calls for Education Bill Funding School Choice for Disadvantaged Youth

In last night's speech to a joint session of the U.S. Congress, President Donald Trump called on Congress to "pass an education bill that funds school choice for disadvantaged youth, including millions of African American and Latino children."

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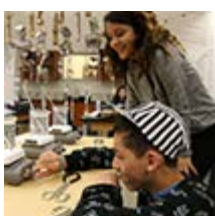


Statement from Gov. Bob Wise on Decision to Rescind Guidance on Federal Protections for Transgender Students

On February 22, the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education rescinded guidance on federal protections for transgender students issued under the Obama administration. In response, Alliance for Excellent Education President Bob Wise said that, "All students—regardless of their race, class, religion, gender identity, or expression—deserve an excellent education, which is only possible if all of our children feel safe and welcome in our public schools. Our country is at its strongest and best when we work to understand our differences and celebrate diversity, not when we promulgate fear and uncertainty."

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

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The Best Tool for Personalization Might Be Sitting Right Next to You

In this guest post, Drew Schrader, director of assessment for New Tech Network (NTN), shares how project based learning sets the conditions for personalized learning, or "a pedagogy for personalization."

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In Case You Missed It



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

This webinar highlighted the Alliance'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.

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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 discussed 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.

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Alliance in the News

Alliance President Bob Wise discusses how a partnership approach can help students prepare for college and a career on Getting Smart's latest podcast.

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The federal E–Rate program has advanced the ball for next–generation learning, said Phillip Lovell, vice president for policy development and government relations at the Alliance, but educators fear that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) may be laying the ground to scale back the program.

[Read more in the *Kansas City Star*](#)

New Face at the Alliance

Lindsay Dworkin

Director of Policy Development and State Government Relations

Lindsay Dworkin joined the Alliance in February 2017 as director of policy development and state government relations, where she supports states in their work to close achievement gaps and ensure that all children get the education they deserve and graduate from high school ready for college and a career. Ms. Dworkin is particularly focused on helping states understand the opportunities presented by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and implement the new law in ways that advance educational equity and excellence for all of students while reflecting local needs and priorities.

Prior to joining the Alliance, Ms. Dworkin served as deputy assistant secretary for outreach in the office of communications and outreach at the U.S. Department of Education (ED), served as education policy advisor and legal counsel to Delaware Governor Jack Markell (D), was associate counsel at the University of Delaware, and clerked for the Honorable Thomas Ambro on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She has a JD degree from the University of California, Berkeley; an MPA degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University; an MPhil in international relations from Oxford University; and a BA degree in economics and political science from the University of California, Davis.

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