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Education Secretary Betsy DeVos Defends Trump's Education Budget Before Senate Subcommittee

Appearing today before the U.S. Senate subcommittee responsible for federal education funding, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos heard pointed criticism from Republicans and Democrats alike regarding President Trump's education budget, which would cut discretionary funding for the U.S. Department of Education, excluding Pell Grants, by \$5.3 billion or 11.6 percent.

Subcommittee Chairman Roy Blunt (R-MO) called Trump's proposal a "difficult budget request to defend," adding, "I think it's likely that the kinds of cuts that are proposed in this budget will not occur."

Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), the top Democrat on the committee, said Trump's budget proposal "would be devastating for our students and take away opportunities for so many families in this country."

Stay tuned later this week for additional coverage on the hearing in "Federal Flash," the Alliance's five-minute video series on important developments in education policy in Washington, DC.

Watch the Hearing



New Photo Project Showcases Deeper Learning in Action

Students in deeper learning environments graduate from high school as confident, life-long learners, equipped with the knowledge, skills, and mindset they need to be successful and lead productive, fulfilling lives. To demonstrate what deeper learning looks like in the classroom, the Alliance for Excellent Education released "[American Education: Images of Teachers and Students in Action](#)," an online gallery of nearly 300 original print-quality, royalty-free images of teachers and K–12 students of all ages and backgrounds. The images are being released as openly licensed stock photos, specifically to replace many of the outdated stock images of education that exist.

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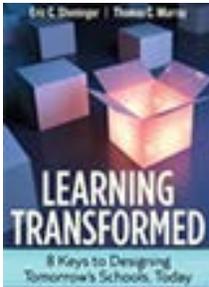
New Alliance-CoSN Resources Highlight Lifeline's Impact on Closing the "Homework Gap"

Approximately 70 percent of teachers assign work that requires students to access the internet after school hours, but nearly one-third of households do not have high-speed internet service, according to data from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This lack of service puts students living in these homes at a disadvantage, creating a widening "homework gap" that

disproportionately impacts students from low-income families, according to two new resources from the Alliance for Excellent Education and the Consortium for School Networking (CoSN).

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Learning Transformed: Ensuring a Return on Instruction

For decades, school leaders have discussed “the need” to integrate technology. The problem with these conversations has been a lack of focus on the why and how technology can support a learning transformation. In this post, the Alliance's Tom Murray and Eric Shengler, senior fellow at the International Center for Leadership in Education, describe the importance of "return on instruction" that results in evidence of improved student learning outcomes when integrating technology. The post contains an excerpt from Murray and Shengler's new book, *Learning Transformed: 8 Keys to Designing Tomorrow's Schools, Today*.

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[Click to Tweet:](#) When integrating technology, return on instruction is a must. @thomascsmurray & @E_Shengler explain why: <http://all4ed.org/learning-transformed-ensuring-a-return-on-instruction/> #LT8keys

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Future Ready Librarians: Empowering Students as Creators

TUESDAY
JUNE 13, 2017
4:00- 5:00 P.M.
(EDT)

This webinar will examine how librarians can empower students as creators. Library leaders will share how they encourage and facilitate students to become increasingly self-directed as they create digital products of their learning that engage them in critical thinking, collaboration, and authentic, real-world problem solving.

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Hacking Project Based Learning

THURSDAY
JUNE 15, 2017
4:00- 4:30 P.M.
(EDT)

This Future Ready Schools webinar will focus on demystifying project based learning. Panelists will introduce ten hacks that construct a simple path educators and students can easily follow to achieve success, and share strategies and resources for implementing and leading project based learning.

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In Case You Missed It



Federal Flash: Betsy DeVos Testifies Before House Subcommittee on Trump's Education Budget

Last week, President Trump released his budget proposal for the fiscal year beginning October 1. The following day, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos testified before a House subcommittee on the president's education budget. Today's Federal Flash has details on Trump's budget and DeVos's testimony.

[Watch the Video](#)



Students' Well-Being: How Teachers Can Make a Difference

This webinar, hosted by the Alliance and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), featured a presentation by the OECD's Andreas Schleicher and discussion of a new report from the OECD. *Students' Well-Being: PISA 2015 Results* analyzes motivation to perform well in school, their relationships with peers and teachers, their home life, and how they spend their time outside of school.

Watch the Webinar

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