Don't Wait Another Year to Think about Brown vs. Board

The 65th anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education was May 17. But, just because the anniversary has passed, you do not have to wait another year to think about the landmark case and its ramifications for public education in the United States.

As part of the Alliance for Excellent Education's yearlong #OurChallengeOurHope campaign, we'll focus on meeting the needs of our most underserved students and honoring the intent of the Brown vs. Board decision. We'll also share an issue each month related to Brown's unfulfilled promise. For June, which includes commencement activities for so many high school students around the country, we encourage you to think about those students who won't be walking across the stage.

In the coming weeks, we'll share information related to high school graduation and the additional progress we need to make, even as the U.S. high school graduation rate sits at an all-time high of 84.6 percent.

If you or someone you know has a compelling story about high school graduation, please share it with us. If you have a son, daughter, grandchild, or someone special graduating from high school, let us know.

Click to Tweet: The BrownVBoard anniversary is over, but @All4ed has launched a yearlong campaign on the continuing needs of underserved students & honoring the intent of the landmark case. Access resources, hear student voices, & share your thoughts: all4ed.org/BrownvBoard #OurChallengeOurHope

Inspiring Voices on Brown vs. Board: "My challenge is that I'm a black girl in America. My hope is that one day that won't matter."

Johnique W., a 12th grader from Ohio, helped us kick off our yearlong equity campaign on the unmet promise of Brown vs. Board of Education. In a video, Johnique performs The Deep End, a powerful poem she wrote after visiting a civil rights exhibit in Cleveland.

In this Q&A, Johnique shares how growing up in a place that "doesn't really listen to the ideas of children" led her to inspire others through poetry and writing.

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All4Ed President Deb Delisle Comments on Proposed Federal Legislation to Reduce Remedial Coursework in Higher Education

U.S. Senators Doug Jones (D-AL), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) introduced the Promoting Readiness in Education to Prevent Additional Remediation and Expense (PREPARE) Act to reduce the need for students to take remedial courses in college.

In response, All4Ed President Deb Delisle, said, “Remedial courses are more likely to lead to disappointment and debt than they are to degrees.”

Five Things You Need to Know About Brown vs. Board

It’s been 65 years since the landmark decision in the Brown vs. Board of Education case changed the course of history in this country. Yes, it has been that long since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that “separate but equal” has no place in the field of public education; yet, too many students are still not receiving opportunities that most of us want and seek for all children. Additionally, too many students face learning environments that are in disrepair or have a shortage of basic learning tools from pencils to paper to computers.

While you may be familiar with Brown vs. Board, you may not know these five important details about the landmark case.

Deeper Learning Digest: Getting Outside of Classrooms – and Comfort Zones

Taking students outside of the classroom can help bring lessons to life – and get students out of their comfort zones.

This digest highlights how students are building tiny houses for geometry class, how mixing core subjects leads to robust project-based learning, and an upcoming event on whole child education.

Education Department Now Accepting Applications for Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grants

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) is now accepting applications for its Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Grants program. CLSD grants are competitive grants to state education agencies to advance literacy skills through evidence-based practices, activities, and interventions, including pre-literacy skills, reading, and writing.
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A group of Senators introduce legislation aimed at reducing the need for students to take remedial course work in college while the House education committee advances two desegregation bills on the eve of the 65th anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education.

Congress Works to Tackle RACIAL SEGREGATION & Reduce College Remediation

TODAY: Collaboration + Calibration = Transformation

In this webinar, Future Ready Advisors Jimmy Casas and Brianna Hodges will share the importance of collaboration between principals and instructional coaches. With collaborative leadership as the driving force of the Future Ready Framework, Jimmy and Brianna will offer tales from the trenches from the purview of shared instructional leadership.

Teaching & Reaching the Future Ready Student: Nurturing Connections with Social and Emotional Learning

In this webinar, panelists will discuss how the effects of developmental changes and shifting social environments impact academic learning. They will share their expertise on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and explain how educators can help students navigate these changes by supporting the development of social and emotional skills.
Closing the Gap: Digital Equity Strategies for the K-12 Classroom

Although incredible progress has been made, equity issues remain prevalent in schools and districts across the country. Historically underserved students often lack the needed access and opportunity that’s often afforded to their more affluent counterparts. What practical steps can educators take to help close digital equity gaps in both access and opportunity, while at home and in the classroom?

Equity IS Education

Many school communities are attempting to address equity and opportunity gaps in isolation. This webinar will highlight the need to change our mindset and practices on these two issues. Dr. Perez-Isiah will highlight effective approaches that will help merge the topics of equity and gaps in teaching and learning.

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All4Ed is Your Resource on K-12 Federal Education Laws

To keep you up to date on the latest happenings and implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), All4Ed has created a series of bite-sized materials – both print and video – that provide concise but comprehensive analyses of several key areas within ESSA and Perkins V.
Not Enough College Graduates

In an opinion piece in the Observer, John A. Tures, professor of political science at LaGrange College in Georgia, writes that "America is so far behind in the number of college graduates that it will soon become a national emergency for our economy." With a growing number of jobs requiring a college degree, and the percentage of jobs requiring a high school diploma or less continuing to shrink, Tures may have a point.

Education Weighed Down by Teacher Turnover

Teacher shortages have been on the rise since the mid-1980s, writes Nevada Assemblywoman Brittney Miller in the Las Vegas Sun, referencing an All4Ed study on teacher turnover. In Nevada, the teacher turnover rate is worse than the national average, but this new bill hopes to change that.
What a beautiful and inspiring tribute to the promise left unfulfilled as we commemorate the 65th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Ed. Take a moment out of your day to listen to and reflect on Johnique's poem. @All4Ed #OurChallengeOurHope

On May 17, Johnique shared her poem, "The Deep End," with you. Here you thought about her since? There are millions of students like her across the United St... youtu.be.com

65 years ago today, the #BrownvBoard of Education ruling made “separate but equal” educational opportunities unconstitutional. We asked students at XQ schools to reflect on how much they think our schools have changed since this Supreme Court ruling. Here's what they said.
“We can make learning happen because we know so much more about how it happens.”
Hear more from @KarenPittman of @forumfyi about #HowLearningHappens #EverySchoolHealthy #GradNation

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Look closer. This old map of mine charts two “Kansas City School Districts.” “White” and “Colored.” The post #brownvboard century still finds the KC area struggling for equitable education. It’s been an overwhelming story.
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