New Podcast: Six Ways to Help Students Reach Their Potential

When you step into your classroom each day, do you believe that all your students can succeed? Does this belief shape how you teach and engage your students in learning?

On this episode of Critical Window, a podcast by the Alliance for Excellent Education (All4Ed), we spoke with Dr. Yvette Jackson, adjunct professor at Teacher's College at Columbia University and senior scholar at the National Urban Alliance for Effective Education, about her concept of the "pedagogy of confidence."

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New Legislation Would Increase Funding for Middle Schools

On June 4, U.S. Representative Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AZ) and U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) introduced the “Success in the Middle Act.” The bill would provide new funding for middle schools to identify and implement best practices to improve student outcomes and increase high school graduation rates.

Alliance for Excellent Education President Deb Delisle praised the legislation, saying that the middle grades are “an absolutely critical time for ensuring that every child develops the knowledge and skills needed for future success in high school and beyond.”

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June's Brown vs. Board Challenge: High School Graduation Rates

Can you imagine a four-year-old taking care of her baby brother, who was born addicted to meth? What about a high school valedictorian who scored $3 million in college scholarships? Did I
mention he was homeless?

This month our #OurChallengeOurHope campaign to honor the intent of *Brown vs. Board of Education* will focus on the difficult path to high school graduation facing so many of our nation's young people and how, with the right support systems, every student can walk across the stage on graduation day.

Click the link below to read these amazing high school graduation success stories. Use these stories and other resources to engage a conversation in your school, home, or community about the challenges facing high school students today.

**Learn More**

**Click to Tweet:** This month @All4Ed is highlighting the difficult path to high school graduation facing so many young people. Learn more about the #OurChallengeOurHope campaign & join in: all4ed.org/brownvboard/junes-brown-vs-board-challenge-high-school-graduation-rates/ #graduates #gradnation

**Deeper Learning Digest: Planting Grass to Grow Deeper Learning**

Summer is right around the corner. What better way to kick off the warm weather season than bringing science lessons outside?

This digest highlights an environmental project in Florida, how to maintain teacher authenticity in blended learning environments, a recent event on whole child investments, how teachers can support social emotional learning throughout the school day, and more!

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**Coming Soon**

**Building A Grad Nation Report Release 2019**

Held by the convening partners of the GradNation campaign—America's Promise Alliance, The Alliance for Excellent Education, Civic, and The Everyone Graduates Center—this event will feature the release of the 2019 *Building a Grad Nation* report plus two moderated panels. One panel will focus on challenges facing homeless students while the other will consider how efforts at improving high school graduation rates must lead to stronger secondary and postsecondary outcomes.

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**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. This webinar will highlight effective approaches that will help merge the topics of equity and gaps in teaching and learning.

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As districts continue to move toward the effective use of technology in the classroom, school leaders grapple with economies of scale; as well as how to maximize use of the cloud, data governance, and instructional opportunities, while minimizing risk. In this webinar, panelists will discuss how school districts have used data and the cloud to innovate and optimize learning, while also providing data privacy for all.

**In Case You Missed It**

**Collaboration + Calibration = Transformation**

In this webinar, Future Ready Advisors Jimmy Casas and Brianna Hodges 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 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 discuss how the effects of developmental changes and shifting social environments impact academic learning. They 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?

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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.

Access ESSA Materials
Access Perkins V Materials

All4Ed in the News
Presidential Candidates Courting the Teacher Vote
With the wave of teacher strikes rocking the nation, Democratic presidential candidates are realizing the potency of the 3.2 million teachers across the country, writes Michelle Hackman in the Wall Street Journal. "These strikes created a wave, and the candidates are all trying to ride it," said All4Ed's Phillip Lovell.

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Negative Consequences of Not Graduating from High School
The negative consequences of high school students not receiving a diploma is "staggering," writes Mark Claypool in the Washington Examiner. He references All4Ed research showing that the nation could save as much as 18.5 billion dollars associated with crime if the high school male graduation rate increased by only 5 percentage points.

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Addressing the Whole Child
At a recent briefing on Capitol Hill on whole child learning approaches, hosted by the Learning Policy Institute, All4Ed president Deb Delisle asked, "When kids enter school, they are not all at the same starting line...how do you bridge that gap?"

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When kids enter school, they're not at the same starting line. Brain development in adolescent years is so significant. We teach students that it's important for them to be engaged in their own learning. Relationships matter. — @debdelisle @All4Ed #WholeChildInvestments
Back in the day, @BobWise48 ran for governor on the slogan, "Education is the only passport from poverty." In our latest Q&A, he reflects on his years as an education reformer: