

## STEP UP TO SUCCESS...

A TA Initiative for Persistently Dangerous Schools, Gen I and II  
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## Selected News & Sound Clips for the Day\*

### NEWS FOR THE DAY (Revised)

**Maryland Tops Education Week's Ranking and Virginia is 4<sup>th</sup>.** For the third straight year, Maryland's public education system is ranked the nation's best overall in an assessment of state policies and student performance to be published Tuesday.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/01/10/AR2011011005837.html>  
<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/01/13/16stateofthestates.h30.html?tkn=LZMF10mRxfQIOuXsrlrJUy%2FbzJbZb8efiEBb&cmp=clp-edweek>

**Cyber Students Taught the Value of Social Skills...** As online schools grow and mature, they're seeking to satisfy parents and students whose first concern when considering a cyber school often is related to the social life for virtual students.

[http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/01/12/15edtech\\_socialization.h30.html?tkn=PU LFJuc%2FxCzNmN6%2BMIMsWLdO%2Bstl8g5GBVp8&cmp=clp-edweek](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/01/12/15edtech_socialization.h30.html?tkn=PU LFJuc%2FxCzNmN6%2BMIMsWLdO%2Bstl8g5GBVp8&cmp=clp-edweek)

**More Police in Schools Mean More Students in Trouble, Study Finds...** "Disrupting class, using profanity, misbehaving on a school bus, student fights and truancy once meant a trip to the principal's office. Today, such misbehavior results in a Class C misdemeanor ticket and a trip to court for thousands of Texas students and their families each year," based on a recent report.

[http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/01/10/17mct\\_txpolice.h30.html?tkn=QQPF4dc95xNAtYedPHeNTyyH+DUv6OkxUhf8&cmp=clp-edweek](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/01/10/17mct_txpolice.h30.html?tkn=QQPF4dc95xNAtYedPHeNTyyH+DUv6OkxUhf8&cmp=clp-edweek)

**West Virginia Bill Ties Parent's License to Truancy...** A state senator plans to introduce legislation to revoke the driver's licenses of parents whose children miss too much school.

[http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/01/07/396609wvlegislativelookaheadeducation\\_ap.html?tkn=SMQFbb6GN%2FHIXtMMufRcmel3zKB7mB7VCUDM&cmp=clp-edweek](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/01/07/396609wvlegislativelookaheadeducation_ap.html?tkn=SMQFbb6GN%2FHIXtMMufRcmel3zKB7mB7VCUDM&cmp=clp-edweek)

**Five Words and Phrases that Sound Different to Teachers...** It often seems that edu-decision makers/teachers have trouble communicating. Maybe it results because people really do speak different languages. At the very least, there are a few phrases in the policymaker-reformer-researcher dialect whose meanings change when filtered through everyday teaching reality.

[http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/rick\\_hess\\_straight\\_up/2011/01/five\\_words\\_and\\_phrases\\_that\\_sound\\_different\\_to\\_teachers.html](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/rick_hess_straight_up/2011/01/five_words_and_phrases_that_sound_different_to_teachers.html)

**Educators Regroup in Aftermath of Recession...** Officially, the Great Recession—the economic free-fall that shredded state and local budgets as the century's first decade neared its close—ended about 18 months ago. The picture in the nation's schools tells a very different story.

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/01/13/16overview.h30.html?tkn=SQWFZeu1%2BHiSHdVj2LLmTmPCZxfR%2Bg7SNdSn&cmp=clp-edweek>

### SOUND CLIPS FOR THE DAY – NONE FOR THE DAY



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