

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*

Pennsylvania Program Features On-Line STEM Classes with Schools in India... Two Wrightsville elementary classes have been sharing lessons with students in India through a free program this year. Teachers are using Educating Kids with International Possibilities (eKWIP.net) in their classrooms to communicate with public schools in India. The website was developed by The Coalition for International Initiatives, a nonprofit in Rockville, Md.

http://www.ydr.com/local/ci_18069038

Using technology to Move Beyond Schools... Think ahead 10 or 15 years and ask yourself, "What proportion of the activity called 'learning' will be located in the institution called 'school'?" The availability of relatively cheap technologies offering direct access to knowledge of all types creates opportunities for students to experience a dramatic increase in the choice of what they learn, with whom they choose to learn, and how they choose to learn.

http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/05/18/31elmore_ep.h30.html?tkn=STLFBpKnRfbiR_uHIRPbbbw5NKeld2GqfElv&cmp=ENL-EU-VIEWS1

Senator Hagan Introduces Bill to Turnaround Worst Schools... Sen. Kay Hagan (D) of North Carolina announced the School Turnaround and Rewards (STAR) Act on Thursday. She hopes it will be incorporated into a more comprehensive overhaul of No Child Left Behind. America's [worst public schools](#) would see an infusion of \$600 million in 2012 – with strings attached for dramatic reforms—under a bill introduced Thursday on [Capitol Hill](#).

<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Education/2011/0512/Senator-Hagan-introduces-bill-to-turn-around-worst-schools-Can-it-work>

Bullying Expert: Some Bullying Hard to Spot... As a former victim of bullying who speaks at schools across the country, I meet many distraught parents who want advice on how to help their bullied child. Know the danger signs of a bullied child in crisis. Some are obvious and exactly what you'd expect. Others are subtle, and surprising. Look for behaviors such as inexplicable fits of rage. http://articles.cnn.com/2011-05-12/opinion/blanco.bullying_1_child-immune-system-school?s=PM:OPINION

President Obama Delivers High School Commencement Address in Memphis... President Barack Obama told Booker T. Washington graduates this afternoon that their ability to overcome obstacles will help them succeed in life. But he said they must deal with a changing landscape as they try to earn their place in society and the workforce.

<http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2011/may/16/memphis-president-barack-obama-gives-commencement/>

SOUND CLIPS FOR THE DAY

President Obama's Speech in Memphis High School Graduates

<http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2011/may/16/president-barack-obamas-commencement-speech/>



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