

STEP UP TO SUCCESS...

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Selected News & Sound Clips for the Day*

NEWS FOR THE DAY*

Chicago Aims to Get Computers into Poor Students' Homes... Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced Tuesday what he called a first-of-its-kind program to sell discounted computers to low-income families and provide them Internet service at a drastically reduced rate.
http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/05/31/432908ilchicagocomputerprogram_ap.html?tkn=UTVFhd9zHIYL0rludS1GehXn653ux0WwbWr6&cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2

Bullying Grabs Global Attention... Across the United States, 19.9 percent of students in grades 9 through 12 say they were victims of bullying on school property over a one-year period, according to a 2009 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey of a representative sample of United States youth. But bullying is a global issue, according to the United Nations Children's Fund.
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/features/tribu/family/sc-fam-0531-global-bully-20110531.0,5895898.story>

More Schools Rethinking Zero-Tolerance Discipline Stand... Nearly two decades after a zero-tolerance culture took hold in American schools, a growing number of educators and elected leaders are scaling back discipline policies that led to lengthy suspensions and ousters for such mistakes as carrying toy guns or Advil. Now, in many areas, efforts are underway to find a more calibrated approach to school discipline.
http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/more-schools-are-rethinking-zero-tolerance/2011/05/26/AGSIKmGH_story.html

Districts Scrutinizing Teaching Applicants' Potential... A handful of urban districts, such as Denver, Pittsburgh, and Tulsa, Okla., are taking steps to reorient their central human-resources offices toward what's being called "strategic hiring." The efforts consist of collecting a more-robust set of information on candidates, developing stronger relationships with teacher-preparation programs, and tracking new hires to determine their success in the classroom.
<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/06/02/33hire.h30.html?tkn=XOVF7z%2BdKtjmut4X6KdnV0CQ%2BKGzwa91eiel&cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS1>

Philadelphia Schools: Points of Pride... Since 2001, the district has had the largest increase in schools making adequate yearly progress among major U.S. cities, from 26 to 166 schools; increased high school choice by expanding the number of high schools from 38 to 81; made Advanced Placement courses available in every public high school; and more than tripled the number of students attending dual-enrollment college-credit courses.
<http://inquirer.philly.com/pdfs/2007/reportcardphilahs.pdf>

SOUND CLIPS FOR THE DAY

New Program Brings Kids to The Head... <http://www.edweek.org/ew/section/video-galleries/index.html>

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