

STEP UP TO SUCCESS...

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Selected News & Sound Clips for the Day*

NEWS FOR THE DAY*

N.J. Gov. Proposes Privately Run ‘Transformation Schools’... Governor Christie has proposed legislation that would let school boards bring in for-profit or nonprofit management companies to run schools. Like charter schools, transformation schools would receive 90 percent of the per-pupil funding that goes to traditional public schools.

http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/06/10/35mct_njchristie.h30.html?tkn=TVZFESC8DYHhdv2cvx06l%2B7S0xY3rjPMZqFV&cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2

Districts Scrutinizing Teaching Applicants’ Potential... A handful of urban districts, such as Denver, Pittsburgh, and Tulsa, Okla., are taking similar 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=QUSFIdDP4aQISrcGy361sllqRB3Tw4C8qtMe&cmp=clp-edweek>

Teachers Hold the Real Keys to Whiteboard Effectiveness... Sandra Simoneaux uses an interactive whiteboard to teach math to her 3rd and 4th graders at Parker Elementary School in Oakland, Calif. Ms. Simoneaux says she uses the whiteboard in one manner or another for 90 percent of her daily teaching.

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/06/15/35mm-whiteboards.h30.html>

Bullies Tap Social Media, Educators Say... While bullying in schools still can take the form of a name called in a hallway or a confrontation in the lunchroom, area school officials say it is becoming more common for those problems to start on social media sites. Often, confrontations or name-calling at school originate with a comment made on a site such as Facebook. http://qctimes.com/news/local/education/article_777db750-94a0-11e0-93db-001cc4c002e0.html

Math Educators See the Right Angles for Digital Tools... While multimedia tools have been slow to penetrate instructional methods in some subjects, the math world is bursting with tales of teaching technologies that visualize concepts, adapt to students’ strengths and weaknesses, and align with state academic standards. There’s adaptive-learning software that gears math lessons toward individual student progress.

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/06/15/35mm-math.h30.html>

SOUND CLIPS FOR THE DAY

Homeless Students Find Hope in Their Principal

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/06/09/eveningnews/main20070437.shtml?tag=re1.channel>



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