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Selected News & Sound Clips for the Day*

NEWS FOR THE DAY*

Grants to Fund Education Computer Network... Illinois education officials today unveiled plans to build a virtual network that would give teachers on-the-spot access to everything from lesson plans to student progress reports. The open-source technology system comes with help from the private sector.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chibrknews-grants-to-fund-education-computer-network-20110602,0,2223996.story>

Diploma in Hand, but Unprepared for College... Large numbers of high school graduates are surprised to learn the diplomas they were handed in June don't necessarily mean they're ready for college in the fall. For many of them, there's a disconnect between what high schools require for graduation and what colleges seek.

http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/06/06/35mct_parequirements.h30.html?tkn=WYSFNrw2kkYiQ4ESc2u7YjUOE9yMir1smCKI&cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2

California School Funding Analysis Finds Disparity... "Money may be necessary for school improvement, but it doesn't guarantee that improvement takes place," concluded UC Berkeley education Professor W. Norton Grubb in his recent book "The Money Myth." He found that urban schools tended to spend inefficiently for a variety of reasons, including high staff and student turnover and conflicts over how to teach struggling students.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/06/05/BARV1JNQO1.DTL>

As Funds Shrink, Advertising on School Buses Could Be an Option... Port Byron Central School District Superintendent Neil O'Brien said he is neither in favor nor against the legislation that would allow the ads, but added that school districts are becoming more regulated and are receiving less state aid, so something's got to give.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/06/05/BARV1JNQO1.DTL>

Retired Educators Under Fire for Returning to Work... As school districts in Minnesota have allowed retirees to return to work in recent years, some say they are getting a deal on quality professionals, while others wonder if the educators are double-dipping—by collecting both a salary and a pension.

http://www.edweek.org/tm/articles/2011/06/05/434051mnworkingretirees_ap.html?tkn=SXLFiR4GEM2R%2FADIOWulCH9qN4hsqID51%2FyK&cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2

SOUND CLIPS FOR THE DAY

Turning the Tide at Shawnee

http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/06/06/33kyturnaround_ep.h30.html?tkn=MLYFeW1reYY3bOkuhcgDbGIDCpHQoSTgWZJw&cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS1



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