

STEP UP TO SUCCESS...

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Selected News & Sound Clips for the Day*

NEWS FOR THE DAY*

School Reform, Chicago Style... Chicago won \$20 million in federal money over three years to help improve its worst-performing schools. The district is kicking in another \$7 million in local money, and officials were determined to invest in programs that would help them measure progress, staff and students accountable for the results and more.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304665904576381763818188984.html>

Plan to Expand Teacher Training Program... Mayor Emanuel announced plans to expand a teacher training program that would double the number of so-called teaching academies at chronically failing schools across Chicago. In a commencement address to National-Louis University graduates, Emanuel said CPS' Academy for Urban School Leadership program would expand to 14 sites in the next two years, with the hope of training an additional 200 teachers per year once all those academies are operating.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/ct-met-emanuel-speech-0626-20110625,0,5435907.story>

Capacity Issues Loom as Voucher Support Surges... State-level momentum in support of vouchers and tax credits that help students go to private schools highlights what, to this point, has been a largely theoretical issue: private school capacity to support voucher-financed enrollment. Academics say the national supply of seats in secular and religious private schools is sufficient to meet short-term demand from existing voucher programs and from those being considered in states such as Pennsylvania.

http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/06/15/35voucher_ep.h30.html?tkn=MYXFTSWYiXbXSaH1U2V07wMOnpeXREJy%2FCMj&cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS1

Triton Regional Club Aims at Getting Students Up and Exercising... They're charter members of the HiFive Club, a month-old after-school activity aimed at winning students, over to a healthier lifestyle. Childhood obesity is at epidemic proportions.

http://www.philly.com/philly/education/20110222_Triton_Regional_club_aims_at_getting_students_up_and_exercising.html

Arlington to Offer Second Chance for Teens Caught Using Drugs or Alcohol... A new program will soon offer a second chance for teenagers caught using drugs or alcohol. The shift comes as many school districts in the Washington region reevaluate their disciplinary policies, particularly which provide little flexibility once a student is charged.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/arlington-co-to-offer-second-chance-for-teens-caught-using-drugs-or-alcohol/2011/06/15/AG8FYOWH_story.html

SOUND CLIPS FOR THE DAY

City Schools CEO Alonso on Testing Integrity...

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/education/bs-md-ci-city-cheating-schools-20110621,0,5931688.story>

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