

STEP UP TO SUCCESS...

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Selected News & Sound Clips for the Day*

NEWS FOR THE DAY*

Maine Gov. Wants Five-Year High School... Following up on a campaign promise, Gov. Paul LePage on Tuesday issued an order that takes a first step toward giving more Maine students the option of a five-year high school education. While Maine has early college opportunities in place in high schools, he indicates that it lacks a systematic approach to making them available to students. "We need to give students some clear options that will encourage them to enter post-secondary education and give them the start they need."

http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/07/26/444373me5yearhighschool_ap.html?tkn=LTLF0IFxdlfpChuPaY7qgwzx1gkgQ%2BHEejEP&cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2

The Classroom is Obsolete: It's Time for Something New... The overwhelming majority of the nearly 76 million students in America's schools and colleges spend most of the academic day in classrooms. That's a problem because the classroom has been obsolete for several decades.

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/07/29/37nair.h30.html?tkn=XNXFDfCvWWLDmV03sm8U7i6nllsZj5Ko4SLX&cmp=ENL-EU-VIEWS1>

States Brace for Grad Rate Dip as Formula Changes... States are bracing for plummeting high school graduation rates as districts nationwide dump flawed measurement formulas that often undercounted dropouts and produced inflated results. Now, many states are facing a sobering reset: Some could see numbers fall by as many as 20 percentage points.

http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/07/27/444583uschanginggraduationrates_ap.html?tkn=NNPFsMMftjXpOMj3s85aUdORLvbvlbU%2FUFnD&cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2

Surveys Tap Into Student Voices to Improve High Schools... As schools look to improve everything from teaching to counseling to college and career readiness, students have a unique perspective—yet they are not always asked for their opinion.

A national survey project called YouthTruth is trying to address that often-missing piece in the reform puzzle by asking high school students for their feedback.

http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/college_bound/2011/07/surveys_tap_into_student_voice_s_to_improve_high_schools.html?cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2

School Plan to Engage Parents Arouses Skepticism... The new leadership at Chicago Public Schools is taking another crack at one of the district's thorniest problems: involving parents in their children's education. Chicago is creating Chief Community and Family Engagement Officer, which they say will make the nation's third-largest school system become more parent-friendly.

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/07/29/us/29cncparents.html?_r=1&ref=education

SOUND CLIPS FOR THE DAY

Let's Read, Let's Move

<http://www.youtube.com/usedgov#p/u/12/d5zlq8x77BQ>



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