

## STEP UP TO SUCCESS...

A TA Initiative for Persistently Dangerous Schools, Gen I and II  
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## Selected News & Sound Clips for the Day\*



### NEWS FOR THE DAY\*

**NJ Gov, Education Reformer Announce Partnership...** Gov. Chris Christie announced Wednesday that Paterson will be the first New Jersey city to try a community-based approach to education inspired by New York education reformer Geoffrey Canada. Canada considers a child's home life, neighborhood and nutritional needs part of the learning environment. <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/NJ-gov-education-reformer-announce-partnership-1473645.php>

**Studies Find Students Learn More by 'Acting Out' Text...** A series of experiments by researchers at Arizona State University in Tempe and the University of Wisconsin-Madison suggests that students can understand and infer more by physically acting out text—either in real life or virtually—than by reading alone. In the most recent of the experiments, published in the June issue of the journal *Scientific Studies of Reading*, researchers found that elementary mathematics students who acted out text in word problems were more accurate and less distracted than those who didn't.

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/07/13/36read.h30.html?tkn=NPPFMxdzo%2Bnor eu2xBC70BSm2Vz2KWbbBWlk&cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS1>

**More Money is Needed to Educate At-Risk Kids, Leaders Say...** Officials in Iowa's largest school districts want state leaders to change the way schools are financed to so that more money flows to the state's students who are most at risk for failure. Schools could use the additional money to pair students with mentors and provide additional instruction before or after school, one-on-one time with teachers, and more, said the chairman of the Urban Education Network and Sioux City schools superintendent.

[http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20110722/NEWS/107220334/-1/GALLERY\\_ARRAY/More-money-needed-educate-risk-kids-leaders-say](http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20110722/NEWS/107220334/-1/GALLERY_ARRAY/More-money-needed-educate-risk-kids-leaders-say)

**A High School Dropout's Mid Life Crisis...** Today, the people who seem to be hurting the most in our sputtering economy are dropouts in their 30s, 40s and 50s.

Despite their work experience, some can't even apply for a new job without proof that they completed high school. <http://www.npr.org/2011/07/28/138741367/a-high-school-dropouts-mid-life-hardships>

**States Trying to Help Districts Navigate New Data Streams ...** New federal grants and civil rights requirements have led states and districts to generate an unprecedented flood of data on students, from preschool through college, and states are now working to help districts make sense of it.

[http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/inside-school-research/2011/07/states\\_navigate\\_new\\_data\\_strea.html?cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/inside-school-research/2011/07/states_navigate_new_data_strea.html?cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2)

### SOUND CLIPS FOR THE DAY

**Leadership Matters...A Call to Action for Principals**

<http://www.wallacefoundation.org/principal-story/executive-video/Pages/default.aspx>



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