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States face challenges shifting to evidence-based reading



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New laws mandating evidence-based reading approaches in schools have been passed, but experts stress that successful implementation requires sustained effort and funding to support instructional shifts. State leaders discuss their multifaceted approaches, funding sources, and the importance of tracking progress to ensure effective reading improvements during a

virtual panel organized by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Full Story: [Education Week](#) (2/22)



Ore. high school launches cosmetology pathway

Springfield Public Schools in Oregon is celebrating the success of its new cosmetology career and technical education pathway at Gateways High School, where 15 students participate in hands-on training with professional-grade equipment. The first-of-its-kind program in Lane County offers students the opportunity to pursue a high-school diploma while gaining practical skills, with the goal to prepare them to take and pass state board exams and enter the cosmetology industry upon graduation. **Full Story:** [The Register-Guard \(Eugene, Ore.\)](#) (2/21)



La. sees surge in dual-enrollment participation



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Louisiana reports a 13% increase in dual-enrollment participation during the 2022-23 school year, with more than 32,500 high-school students engaging in college courses related to both academic and career and technical fields. The state aims to expand these early pathways to success, emphasizing the need for equal value and sustained funding for dual-enrollment programs, according to recommendations from a state task force. **Full Story:** [The Acadiana Advocate \(Lafayette, La.\)](#) (2/21)



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How "social ju-jitsu" can make you a better leader

Research confirms that we like to talk about ourselves -- a lot -- with some people turning down money to stop doing so, writes Jeff Haden, a keynote speaker and ghostwriter, who urges leaders to use this information to perform some "social ju-jitsu" using open-ended questions to get to know more about them. When your team feels like you understand and support them, the research shows they'll like you and want to keep working for you, Haden notes. **Full Story:** [Inc. \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (2/22)



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Commission aims to guide the use of AI in education

The Southern Regional Education Board established a two-year Commission on Artificial Intelligence and Education, co-chaired by South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster and Marshall University President Brad Smith. Comprised of leaders from education and business, the commission aims to shape the integration of AI in classrooms and workforce preparation, with the first meeting scheduled for March. **Full Story:** [T.H.E. Journal](#) (2/21)



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Senators seek extension for homeless-student aid spending

Senators are rallying support to extend the spending deadline for the \$800-million aid allocated in the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act to address homeless students' needs.

Citing a surge in student homelessness and logistical challenges, the bipartisan effort urges an additional year to allocate funds, with advocates highlighting the positive impact on student outreach and support but emphasizing the ticking clock of the current spending deadline. **Full Story:** [Education Week](#) (2/22)



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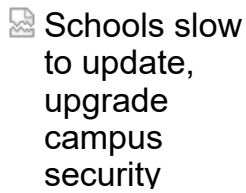
In this new column in the February issue of Educational Leadership, readers share how they help students feel mentally and emotionally safe at school.

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POLICY WATCH**Schools slow to update, upgrade campus security**

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Educational institutions have been slow to update security systems despite a surge in high-school shootings, according to the ALICE Training Institute, a security service. Bureaucratic hurdles, limited funding distribution and a focus on prevention methods over mitigation technology contribute to the delay in implementing crucial safety measures. **Full Story:** [District Administration](#) (2/21)

**■ Va. high schoolers share research-based solutions to food insecurity**

WAVY-TV (Portsmouth, Va.) (2/21)

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**FACULTY LOUNGE****Calif. district brings farmers markets to campuses**

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The Fresno Unified School District, in partnership with Fresno Metro Ministry, is hosting farmers markets on school campuses in the California district to address food deserts and promote student-led initiatives. The initiative provides fresh, diverse produce and empowers students to learn essential skills, reinforcing connections between local farmers and families.

Full Story: [EdSource](#) (2/21)



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