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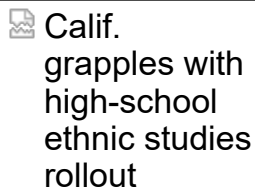
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## TEACHING AND LEARNING

## Calif. grapples with high-school ethnic studies rollout



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By 2025, California aims to include ethnic studies in all high schools, and by 2030, it becomes a graduation requirement. However, the adaptation of the college-level discipline for high-school students has sparked debates, particularly regarding its treatment of race and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, leading to lawsuits and a broader debate on how certain concepts should be taught in classrooms.

**Full Story:** [The New York Times](#) (2/16)



## Study: Teachers self-censor in the classroom

A national study reveals that 65% of K-12 teachers surveyed across US schools say they limit instruction on political and social topics, driven by concerns over parental complaints and evolving legislation restricting discussions on history, race, sex and gender. The Rand Corp. report highlights teachers' self-censorship, with doubts about the support of school leaders amid political environments that are influencing the restriction of classroom content. **Full Story:** [The Washington Post](#) (2/14)



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St. Louis Public Radio (2/13)



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questions and recognizing personal limits, writes Fred Ende, director of curriculum and instructional Services for Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES in Yorktown Heights, N.Y. In this blog post, Ende highlights the significance of proactive planning, methodical progress, reflective leadership and understanding one's capacity for effective leadership tuneups.

**Full Story:** [SmartBrief/Leadership](#) (2/14)



## ■ Minn. leader is 2024 National Superintendent of the Year

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### College Board settles student data case, pays \$750K fine

The College Board has reached a settlement with the office of the New York attorney general for the improper sharing and selling of students' personal data. The agreement includes a \$750,000 fine, imposes limitations on monetizing student information and mandates obtaining consent to share data collected by the organization that administers Advanced Placement courses and tests along with the PSAT and SAT. **Full Story:** [Inside Higher Ed](#) (2/14)





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### Maine bill would hasten disaster recovery for schools

Schools in Maine struck by either natural or man-made disasters would receive fast-track recovery funding from the state under a bill introduced in the Maine Senate. "When schools sustain dire, unforeseeable damage, there needs to be a way for the state to acknowledge this and help disperse the funding needed to rebuild or make repairs," says sponsor Sen. Eloise Vitelli. **Full Story:** [Portland Press Herald \(Maine\) \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (2/14)



### Free school meal effort fails to pass in S.D.

South Dakota legislators rejected a bill aimed at covering school meal costs for families near the poverty line who are not eligible for federal programs, despite support from advocacy groups emphasizing the importance of nutrition for students' learning. This marks the second failed attempt, following the rejection of a similar bill, as critics argue against the state subsidizing federal programs. **Full Story:** [Argus Leader \(Sioux Falls, S.D.\) \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (2/14)





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## Minn. mulls minimum seat time for school lunch



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A proposed bill in Minnesota aims to mandate a minimum of 15 minutes of seat time for students in the national school lunch program to eat their lunch. The legislation, if approved, would exclude transition time and be effective from July 1, for the following school year.  **Full Story:** [KMSP-TV \(Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.\)](#) (2/15)



### Positive mindsets: A foundation for success.

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## FACULTY LOUNGE

### Students mark Kindness Week with coffee sleeve designs



Students  
mark  
Kindness  
Week with  
coffee sleeve

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Middle-school students from Mandan, N.D., spread joy in their local community by decorating coffee cup sleeves and stickers with inspiring designs and messages. The items were distributed to local businesses, which are sharing them with customers during Kindness Week. **Full Story:** [KXMA-TV/KXMB-TV/KXMC-TV/KXMD-TV \(Bismarck/Minot, N.D.\)](#) (2/13)



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Muhammad Ali or Rita Dove

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