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## TEACHING AND LEARNING

### Early-warning systems struggle to address absenteeism



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Despite the widespread adoption of early-warning systems in schools to combat chronic absenteeism, the identified issues persist for low-income students, according to a study by Harvard University's Center for Education Policy Research. The study highlights the need for more effective interventions and nuanced approaches, suggesting that simply relying on data may not

suffice to address complex challenges like chronic absenteeism. **Full Story:** [Education Week \(2/27\)](#)



## Science educators emphasize media literacy



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With concerns over declining trust in science and scientific misinformation, a group of science educators and media-literacy experts recommends integrating media-literacy skills into K-12 science classes. These skills include assessing source credibility, understanding the scientific method, acknowledging biases and

discerning trustworthy scientific information, aiming to empower students to evaluate and

resist scientific misinformation. **Full Story:** [Education Week](#) (2/26)



## Increasing Multilingual Learners' Progress

Combining an asset-based approach with scaffolded instruction helps English learners develop the vocabulary, knowledge, and skills needed to improve language and literacy simultaneously. Engaging Spanish resources can also build biliteracy, academic language, and content understanding. **FREE Sampler**

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### School social worker stays focused on the big picture

Kari Moseley, a school social worker in Bay County, Fla., is focused on the bigger picture beyond attendance to ensure students have what they need to be successful and connects them with agencies that offer support when needed. Small victories are worth celebrating because they add up, Moseley says, adding that graduation from high school is her ultimate goal. **Full Story:** [WMBB-TV \(Panama City, Fla.\)](#) (2/27)



#### ■ How storytelling can help your team accept changes

Forbes (tiered subscription model) (2/26)



## How to Use Literacy Data to Fuel Instruction

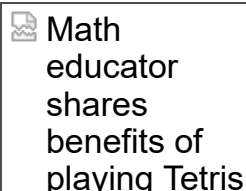
Assessment data is crucial for literacy instruction. Instructional leaders can maximize impact by focusing on key data points. **Discover 5 steps** to leverage meaningful data to enhance literacy instruction.

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## TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM

### Math educator shares benefits of playing Tetris



A Tetris game illustration from 2019. (Chesnot/Getty Images)

Tetris, based on transformational geometry, enhances spatial skills crucial in mathematics, engineering, architecture and animation, proving to be an engaging way to develop foundational concepts for advanced mathematics and various science fields, writes Leah McCoy, a mathematics educator at Wake Forest University who also has worked with middle- and high-school students. In this commentary, McCoy writes that playing Tetris can improve outcomes for students and may help lead them to potential career pathways.

**Full Story:** [The Washington Post](#) (2/26)



### State law ends school district's use of e-book app

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in North Carolina has discontinued the use of Epic, a widely used library app offering access to 40,000 books for students, in response to North Carolina's "Parents' Bill of Rights." The move, prompted by concerns over content related to gender identity and sexuality, is sparking criticism, with opponents arguing it misinterprets the law and limits students' access to essential digital resources.

**Full Story:** [The Charlotte Observer \(N.C.\) \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (2/26)



### ■ Wis. High School Esports championship hosts more than 100 schools

WAOW-TV (Wausau, Wis.) (2/24)



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### Tours highlight need for Fla. county school improvements

Officials with the Marion County, Fla., public school district are offering tours of several local schools this week as a way of highlighting the need for repairs and improvements at many facilities. The county is asking voters to approve a half-cent sales tax to help fund the cost of school maintenance and repairs. **Full Story:** [WKMG-TV \(Orlando, Fla.\)](#) (2/25)



## Inform MTSS with universal screening

Universal screening data help determine the effectiveness of Tier 1 instruction and identify students who need additional Tier 2 and 3 support. Use the resources in this toolkit to choose a reliable universal screener and analyze and act on data to support all students.

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### Scope of Ind. civic education bills expands



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Indiana lawmakers have modified legislative proposals, initially designed for recognizing civic education excellence, to now encompass topics such as chaplains in schools, internet safety and student discipline. The amendments have sparked debates, with concerns raised about potential violations of the US

Constitution's establishment clause, while also introducing provisions for civics proficiency and an internet safety curriculum in the legislative process.

**Full Story:** [Chalkbeat/Indiana](#) (2/26)



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## Half of kids with a mental health condition go untreated

An analysis of the 2016 National Survey of Children's Health found that only half of children with a reported mental health concern underwent treatment or counseling. Challenges in accessing mental health services, issues with insurance coverage and stigma may contribute to kids going untreated, experts say. **Full Story:** [CNN](#) (2/22)



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some kind of tomorrow.*

Toni Morrison,

writer, editor, educator, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature  
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