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Slug=4 DAY SCHOOL WEEK

A FOUR DAY WEEK IS GAINING POPULARITY IN THE WORKFORCE. BUT CAN IT WORK FOR A SCHOOL SYSTEM? SOME EDUCATORS OUT IN WESTERN MASS MAY BE ABOUT TO FIND OUT. MICHAEL BUONICONTI IS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT. YOU PROPOSED THE IDEA. THANKS FOR BEING HERE.

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Slug=BROOKLINE SCHOOL MEETING

A MEETING WILL BE HELD IN BROOKLINE TODAY OVER A CONTROVERSIAL PROPOSAL THAT COULD CHANGE WHERE DOZENS OF KIDS GO TO SCHOOL. THE POLICY REDRAWS DISTRICT LINES AND COULD AFFECT UP TO 30 FAMILIES. SCHOOL OFFICIALS TOLD THE BOSTON GLOBE IT'S ALL PART OF A PLAN TO COPE WITH SURGING ENROLLMENT. BUT RESIDENTS SAY THE PROPOSAL ISN'T FAIR AND COULD HAVE A DRAMATIC IMPACT ON REAL ESTATE VALUES. CHILDREN WHO CURRENTLY ATTEND BROOKLINE SCHOOLS WOULD *NOT* BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED CHANGES. THE MEETING STARTS AT 830.

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Slug=U.DREAM COLLEGE FAIR

FOR MANY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, GETTING A COLLEGE EDUCATION IS A GOAL. BUT SOME MAY NOT THINK IT'S A DREAM THEY CAN FULFILL. WELL, A COLLEGE FAIR THIS WEEKEND HELPED TO CHANGE THAT FOR A NUMBER OF LOCAL STUDENTS. IT WAS PUT TOGETHER BY "THE BASE," A LOCAL ORGANIZATION CREATED TO HELP STUDENTS REACH THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL. HERE NOW TO TELL US MORE ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY IS BRIANNA FORDE, THE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SUCCESS.

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Slug=SNOW DAYS & GRADES

KIDS ALL AROUND THE STATE ARE ENJOYING A SNOW DAY TODAY, BUT A NEW HARVARD STUDY SHOWS IT WON'T IMPACT THEIR SCORES ON THE MCAS. IN FACT, THE STUDY CLAIM KEEPING SCHOOLS OPEN DURING A STORM IS ACTUALLY WORSE. EARLIER THIS MORNING, THE LEAD RESEARCHER JOINED US ON THE PHONE TO EXPLAIN.

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Slug=CT TEACHER BLOG

SHE'S A TEACHER WHO LOVES HER JOB, BUT SHE'S FED UP WITH HOW CHILDREN ARE TESTED AND HOW TEACHERS ARE EVALUATED. SO THIS WEST HARTFORD WOMAN

WROTE AN OP-ED PIECE IN THE LOCAL PAPER CALLED "WHY I HATE TEACHING", AND IT'S GETTING A LOT OF ATTENTION.

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Slug=CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION

WITH THE CLOSING OF ISIS PARENTING EARLIER THIS MONTH, MANY HOSPITALS AND EXPECTANT PARENTS WERE LEFT SCRAMBLING. MOM'S AND DAD'S-TO-BE TURNED TO SOCIAL MEDIA TO VOICE CONCERNS, FIND SOLUTIONS AND GET ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT PRENATAL EDUCATION. BUT BEFORE TAKING THE ADVICE OF YOUR "FACEBOOK FRIENDS," WE HAVE A REMINDER FROM AN EXPERT. JOINING US IS REGISTERED NURSE, MOM, AND CHILDBIRTH EDUCATOR RAEANNE BRAZEE, FOUNDER OF BOSTON BABY BEGINNINGS.

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Slug=TAUNTON IPADS

WHEN STUDENTS THINK OF SNOW DAYS THEY THINK SLEDDING, SNOW BALL FIGHTS, AND A DAY OFF OF SCHOOL. BUT TAUNTON SCHOOL OFFICIALS ARE USING TECHNOLOGY TO CHANGE THAT. TAUNTON'S COYLE AND CASSIDY HIGH SCHOOL HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR VIRTUAL SCHOOL DAYS. THIS MEANS WHEN A SNOW DAY IS CALLED, STUDENTS CAN JUST HOP ON TO THEIR I-PADS FROM HOME AND PARTICIPATE IN A VIRTUAL CLASSROOM. SO FAR SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY THEY HAVE HAD GREAT FEEDBACK WITH THE INITIATIVE.

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Slug=250M KIDS CAN'T READ

A SHOCKING REPORT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS CLAIMS 250-MILLION SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN ARE UNABLE TO READ, WRITE, OR DO BASIC MATH. THE STUDY SAYS ABOUT HALF OF THOSE KIDS HAVEN'T ACHIEVED THE MINIMUM BENCHMARKS FOR LEARNING AND MILLIONS MORE HAVE SPENT LITTLE TO NO TIME IN A CLASSROOM. THE U-N SAYS THE WORLD IS LACKING WELL-TRAINED TEACHERS. IN A THIRD OF THE COUNTRIES RESEARCHERS LOOKED AT, LESS THAN 75-PERCENT OF PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WERE TRAINED TO MEET NATIONAL STANDARDS.