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Date=3/6/2014  
Time=4:00  
Slug=SAT CHANGES

IT'S NOT NECESSARILY GETTING EASIER, ITS NOT NECESSARILY GETTING HARDER. BUT SOME NOTABLE CHANGES ARE COMING TO THE S-A-T'S. THE COLLEGE BOARD SAYS ITS CHANGING THE TEST SO IT BECOMES MORE IN LINE WITH WHAT IS ACTUALLY BEING TAUGHT IN HIGH SCHOOL. ED VERNEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HUNTINGTON'S NASHUA LEARNING CENTER, IS HERE THIS MORNING TO BREAK IT DOWN.

Date=3/11/2014  
Time=4:00  
Slug=MCAS ANXIETY

MARCH IS KNOWN FOR ITS MADNESS AND WHEN IT COMES TO TAKING THE MCAS LATER THIS MONTH THAT'S EXACTLY HOW MANY STUDENTS AND PARENTS FEEL. THE TESTING WINDOW FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN IS MARCH 17TH - MARCH 31ST. SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, DR. KATE ROBERTS HAS ADVICE TO HELP EASE THE STRESS.

Date=3/17/2014  
Time=4:00  
Slug=LATE START TIME

COULD PUSHING BACK THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY IMPROVE THE GRADES OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS? ACCORDING TO A THREE YEAR STUDY OUT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, THERE IS AN IMPROVEMENT IN STUDENT'S GRADES, ATTENDANCE AND OVERALL HEALTH WHEN HIGH SCHOOLS SWITCH TO A LATER START TIME. THIS MORNING- REACTION FROM A FORMER SUPERINTENDENT HERE IN MASSACHUSETTS. John D'Auria (DOOR-E-UH), IS PRESIDENT OF TEACHERS 21. THANKS FOR BEING HERE.

Date=3/19/2014  
Time=4:00  
Slug=HOMEWORK LOAD

IF YOU HAVE KIDS, THE CONVERSTATION ABOUT HOMEWORK USUALLY GOES SOMETHING LIKE THIS. YOUR CHILD WILL SAY: MAN, WE GET TOO MUCH HOMEWORK. AND YOU WILL SAY: AH, STOP COMPLANING, I HAD MUCH MORE HOMEWORK WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL. WELL, ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY, YOU'RE BOTH WRONG. JACKIE NICKLE IS THE CENTER DIRECTOR FOR THE HUNTINGTON LEARNING CENTER IN WALTHAM.

Date=3/20/2014  
Time=4:30  
Slug=WORCESTER TECH OBAMA

QUITE AN HONOR! THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF IS GOING TO DELIVER THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT WORCESTER TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL. LET'S GO LIVE TO WORCESTER NOW TO TALK WITH THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL, DR. SHEILA HARRITY.

Date=3/24/2014

Time=:35

Slug=MA SCHOOL CHANGES

THERE'S A GROWING PROBLEM AMONG STATE EMPLOYERS. THEY SAY THEY ARE HAVING A HARDER TIME HIRING PEOPLE WITH ENOUGH SKILLS FOR THE JOB, AND THEY BLAME THE EDUCATION SYSTEM HERE IN MASSACHUSETTS. ACCORDING TO THE BOSTON GLOBE, MORE THAN TWO THIRDS OF THE STATE'S EMPLOYERS SAY THIS IS AN ONGOING ISSUE. THE FINDINGS ARE SET TO BE RELEASED TODAY BY THE MASSACHUSETTS BUSINESS ALLIANCE FOR EDUCATION. THE 120 PAGE REPORT ALSO MAKES A NUMBER OF RECCOMENDATIONS ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE STATE'S EDUCATION SYSTEM. THESE INCLUDE CREATING MORE CHARTER SCHOOLS AND EXTENDING SCHOOL DAYS. IT ALSO SUGGESTS CREATING A STATE-WIDE UNIFORM CONTRACT FOR ALL TEACHERS.

Date=3/27/2014

Time=3:30

Slug=PILOT STUDENT EXAM

IT COULD ONE DAY REPLACE THE MCAS HERE IN THE BAY STATE. A NEW EXAM IS GETTING A TRY OUT THIS YEAR BY SOME 81-THOUSAND STUDENTS ON WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED AT RANDOM TO TAKE IT INSTEAD OF THE MCAS. BUT SOME PARENTS ARE WORRIED ABOUT HOW THEIR KIDS MIGHT PERFORM AND ARE RELUCTANT TO HAVE THEM TAKE THE NEW TEST. JOINING US LIVE TO HELP EXPLAIN ALL OF THIS IS MITCHELL CHESTER, COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION HERE IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Date=3/31/2014

Time=4:00

Slug=TEACHERS PRESSURES

TEACHERS HAVE HISTORICALLY DEALT WITH PRESSURES AROUND HELPING KIDS SUCCEED AND DEALING WITH DIFFICULT STUDENTS, BUT THE PRESSURES SEEM TO BE MOUNTING. A PAWTUCKET TEACHER WAS RECENTLY ACCUSED OF ASSAULTING A STUDENT OVER A COOKIE. A CAMBRIDGE TEACHER RESIGNED IN PART DUE TO INCREASING PRESSURES ON BOTH STUDENTS AND TEACHERS, AND WE'RE HEARING ABOUT A RESURGENCE OF CYBERBAITING, WHEN STUDENTS TAUNT A TEACHER TO RECORD THE TEACHERS REACTION AND THEN SHARE THE FOOTAGE ONLINE. WHILE WE WORRY ABOUT OUR STUDENTS BEING UNDER PRESSURE THESE DAYS, WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR OUR TEACHERS? JOINING US THIS MORNING IS CERTIFIED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST DR. KATE ROBERTS.