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DENVER POST

"Web Site To Offer College Planning"

Colorado's 195,000 high school students will be able to use one-stop shopping to plan for college when the state debuts a new Web site. The site will match a student's interests and academic goals with prospective public and private colleges and universities in Colorado and tell students what high school courses they need to complete for admittance to a specific college. Students can apply for admission, financial aid and student loans on the site and learn about scholarships.

DETROIT NEWS

"Military Retirees Lured to Classrooms"

Nearly 4,000 military retirees have been drawn into public education through the Troops to Teachers program, created by Congress in 1994 in response to military cuts and a teaching shortage experts say is reaching the crisis stage in inner cities and rural areas. Other innovative programs, such as the DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Pathways to Teaching Careers Program also try to lure people into the classroom.

LOS ANGELES TIMES

"One Year Later, Romer Is Taming an Unruly District"

As Roy Romer's first anniversary as superintendent approaches, he is receiving glowing reviews from Los Angeles power brokers, union leaders and a host of Latino politicians. By most accounts, Romer is indeed getting things done. He's built a senior staff headed by outside talent, but also incorporated the brightest of the team he inherited. He recently settled, without a strike, the most difficult teacher contract negotiations in nearly a decade. Yet, Romer sees his job as just beginning.

LOS ANGELES TIMES

"Most 9th Graders Fail High School Exit Exam"

Only about four in 10 ninth graders -- and just one-fourth of Latino and African American students -- passed California's high school exit exam when it was administered for the first time. Though the first test was taken voluntarily by freshmen, state officials and educators say the results spotlight severe educational weaknesses.

USA TODAY

"For Disabled, Test Puts Diploma Out of Reach"

And nearly half of all states require, or soon will require, students to pass a proficiency test to earn a high school diploma. These graduation tests make few exceptions for special education students who have been placed on a diploma track. Just six states have adopted a sliding scale so a passing score depends on a student's disability: the more severe the disability, the lower the acceptable score. The other states require all students to pass the test.