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ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION

"Economy Dims Prospect of Keeping HOPE Intact"
Officials with two of Georgia's most popular programs --- the HOPE scholarship and pre-kindergarten for 4-year-olds --- are trying to find ways to plot millions of dollars in spending cuts and still avoid having a major impact on the 270,000 students they serve.

BOSTON GLOBE

"MCAS Failures Drop Sharply; Results Hailed"
Massachusetts unveiled 2001 MCAS results yesterday showing that the number of 10th graders who failed the test has dropped by nearly half - a stunning turnaround that is sure to transform the years-long debate over the standardized exam. State officials announced that 82% of 10th graders passed English, compared to 66% in 2000. The math passing rate was 75%, up from 55% in 2000.

BOSTON GLOBE

"Affirmative Action Is Found Strong at Colleges in N.E."
Minority high school students who meet minimum admissions standards are more likely to be accepted to New England colleges than white students with similar or even stronger applications, according to a new study of affirmative action at 200 campuses in the region. The study finds that despite legal defeats to race-based admissions in Massachusetts, Texas and other states, most New England colleges use affirmative action to guarantee that enough minority students enroll.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

"The Rush To Rewrite History"
For more than 40 years, the Constitutional Rights

Foundation has specialized in creating civic-education curriculum. But never before has the group had to jump the way it did after the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States. Within hours, like curriculum developers across the U.S., they were hastily culling information on the Middle East to help teachers shape new lessons.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

"Madison School Board To Allow Pledge"

The Madison School Board voted to permit schools to offer the Pledge of Allegiance to comply with a Wisconsin state law that requires a daily display of patriotism. The board voted 6-1 for the proposal after testimony about its decision last week to only allow an instrumental version of the national anthem in the Madison Metropolitan School District.

SACRAMENTO BEE

"Greater Scrutiny for Charter Schools"

Charter schools that offer independent study programs will face greater scrutiny by California officials and possible reductions in funding under a law signed by Gov. Gray Davis. Under the original proposal, all such charter schools would have seen their state funding cut by 10% during the 2001-02 school year, 20% in the 2002-03 year and to 30% the following year. The legislation now calls for the state Board of Education to come up with a new set of rules that will govern when funding should be reduced for such charters and by how much.

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