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\* a weekly publication with links \*  
\* to key education information. \*  
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WHAT STATES ARE DOING  
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NEBRASKA Governor Mike Johanns signed into law a bill (LB 1172) that allows schools to charge fees for extracurricular activities. Schools are also required to establish policies for waiving the fees for students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches.  
<http://www.ecs.org/html/newsMedia/e-Connection.asp#ws>

LOUISIANA Governor Mike Foster has signed a bill (HB 13) authorizing a brief period for silent prayer or meditation at the start of each day in public schools.  
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GOOD READS  
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Despite current economic troubles and concerns with global terrorism, Americans continue to place the provision of quality education at the top of their priority lists, according to a new national PUBLIC OPINION poll conducted by Public Education Network and Education Week. The poll found that Americans oppose cuts to education even at the cost of deep cuts in funding for other essential services such as law enforcement and health care.  
<http://www.ecs.org/html/newsMedia/e-Connection.asp#gr>

A new nationwide survey shows high school seniors know even less about credit cards, retirement funds, insurance and other PERSONAL FINANCE basics than they did five years ago. According to the nonprofit group Jump\$tart, which sponsored

the survey, states should take advantage of newly available federal funds to create innovative student finance education programs.

<http://www.ecs.org/html/newsMedia/e-Connection.asp#gr>

A paper published by the National Center for the Study of Privatization in Education reviews what is currently known about CHARTER SCHOOLS' impact on student achievement. The paper precedes the release of a new book, "What's Public About Charter Schools? Lessons Learned About Choice and Accountability," which addresses student achievement, finance, equity, innovation and customer satisfaction in Michigan charter schools.

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#### ECS NEWS

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Come and participate in a July 10 preview of several new accountability models at the upcoming NATIONAL FORUM ON EDUCATION POLICY and learn more about how these models can be used to increase school and student performance.

<http://www.ecs.org/html/newsMedia/e-Connection.asp#en>

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#### NEW ECS PUBLICATIONS

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The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 2001 requires states to develop plans to ensure that all teachers of core academic subjects are "highly qualified" by the end of the 2005-2006 school year. A new ECS POLICY BRIEF focuses on the implications for states of the ESEA's provisions aimed at improving teacher quality.

<http://www.ecs.org/html/newsMedia/e-Connection.asp#ep>

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#### NAMES IN THE NEWS

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The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has named JANET L. HOLMGREN, president of Mills College in California, as the new chair of its board of trustees. Holmgren has served on the Carnegie Board since 1999.

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#### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

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A session at the upcoming annual meeting of the NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES will focus on requirements under the new ESEA and how states are grappling with them in the context of their evolving assessment systems. The meeting takes place July 23-27 in Denver.

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#### OTHER USEFUL WEB SITES

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EDUTOPIA ONLINE, sponsored by the George Lucas Educational Foundation, disseminates information on innovative practices in the nation's K-12 schools. The site features a "Video Gallery" of short documentaries and interviews that allow visitors to see into innovative classrooms and hear directly from teachers and students.

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