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WHAT STATES ARE DOING

The State of PENNSYLVANIA and the City of Philadelphia have turned the reins of the Philadelphia schools over to a special five-person commission in an effort to raise student achievement and halt financial problems. The School Reform Commission will be headed by Delaware County civic leader and entrepreneur James E. Nevels, who will serve as interim chairman for 30 days until the full commission is appointed.
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GOOD READS

RESEARCH STUDIES IN EDUCATION, like those in science, should pose significant questions, link to relevant theory, use research tools appropriate for answering those questions, generalize to broader populations, and be made available for professional and public scrutiny, says the National Research Council. In a report to clarify the nature of education research, and how the federal government should support it, the council listed six principles that should govern all scientific inquiry, including research into education.
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As DATA COLLECTION AND USAGE gain interest with educators and policymakers across the nation, the latest issue of ERIC Digest, from the Clearinghouse on Educational Management, examines these issues. It outlines the most useful types of data for school

improvement, the steps that must be taken to collect and analyze the data, the role of administrators in guiding a data-driven reform process, and the results that can be expected.
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The Center for Media Education has released a new study that surveys the burgeoning MEDIA CULTURE directed at -- and, in some cases, created by -- TEENS. With nearly three-quarters of 12- to 17-year-olds online, the study says the Internet is having a profound and far-reaching impact on the lives of today's youth. It examines the online teen world, from glitzy commercial sites to civic sites that promote political, cultural and community engagement. It also takes a look at some of the next-generation technology
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NEW ECS PUBLICATIONS

ECS' popular STATE POSTSECONDARY STRUCTURES HANDBOOK has been transformed into an interactive Web database. You can generate profiles of individual states' postsecondary governance structures, compare various states' structures and get 50-state reports.
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Strong CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSORS, or "authorizers," are the key to greater accountability in these public schools and should be given more attention by policymakers, say the authors of this month's guest column in ECS Governance Notes. Also see more about GOVERNANCE changes in Pennsylvania, Arkansas and West Virginia.
<http://www.ecs.org/html/newsMedia/e-Connection.asp#ep>

NAMES IN THE NEWS

RAYMOND J. McNULTY has been named VERMONT commissioner of education, replacing DAVID WOLK who left to become president of Castleton State College. For the past 12 years, McNulty has been superintendent of the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union in Brattleboro, Vermont, which has received state and national recognition for its work with families and children from birth to age 22.
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Superintendents from Maryland, Washington, North Carolina and California have been selected as the finalists in the 2002 American Association of School Superintendents' NATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR program. Finalists include: Lorraine Costella, Kent County Public Schools, Chestertown, Maryland; R. Stephen Rasmussen, Franklin Pierce School District, Tacoma, Washington; Eric J. Smith, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, North Carolina; and Gail Anderson Uilkema, Piedmont Unified School District, Piedmont, California.
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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

ECS and Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning (McREL) are bringing together representatives of the seven

McREL states to look at single-state and interstate solutions to the TEACHER SUPPLY PROBLEM FACING RURAL SCHOOLS. schools. The meeting will be held January 30-February 1 in Denver.

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OTHER USEFUL WEB SITES

The NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS PANEL has added a "Data Center" that allows users to view data through tables and graphs, compare states and find out which states are the highest performing on particular goal indicators.

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