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[Mich. Gov. Urges Rethinking Of Education, Workforce Link](#)
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UNIVERSITY CENTER, Mich. (AP) — Michigan needs a new approach to connecting people with employment and training, whether the jobseeker is a welfare recipient struggling with illiteracy or a laid-off worker who can't launch a business because she'd immediately lose her jobless benefits, says Gov. Rick Snyder. Snyder, who unveiled his talent development plan to about 100 people at Delta College, s...

[Budget to dominate school districts concerns in 2012](#)
(Hernando Today © 12/28/2011)

BROOKSVILLE — The old adage "The more things change, the more they stay the same" couldn't be more true for the school district leading into 2012. By this time last year, Hernando County school officials expected to tackle budget cuts the following summer — which would likely impact teachers and other staff — and "everything is on the table" turned into a catchphrase. Superinten...

[Bill would require transparency in charter school management](#)
(Miami Herald © 12/28/2011)

A Miami lawmaker wants public charter schools to be more transparent. State. Sen Larcenia Bullard, D-Miami, filed a bill Wednesday that would require charter schools to post information about their management companies on their school websites. Bullard, vice chairwoman of the Senate Education Committee, could not be reached for comment Thursday. Her proposal was submitted days after The Miami Herald...

[Editorial: Taking a gamble with FCAT scores](#)
(Ocala Star Banner © 12/28/2011)

The state Board of Education has approved new passing scores for standardized tests, raising the ante in its already high-stakes student assessments. So why are we not surprised that part of the resulting costs could be paid through increased lottery ticket sales? But the tests are not a game for the third-graders and high school students who have ...

[Benaim's grudge is toxic: He insulted school board members who snubbed him as chairman](#)
(Palm Beach Post © 12/28/2011)

In his op-ed in The Post last week, Palm Beach County School Board member Monroe Benaim offered an explanation for the dip in the district's graduation rate that at least has the virtue of being simple. According to Dr. Benaim, his colleagues' failure a year ago to reappoint him as their chairman doomed the district to go backwards. "Backwards," Dr. Benaim wrote, "is lost opportunity for thou..."

[School board vice chairwoman drafts grading plan for Palm Beach County superintendent search](#)
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Debra Robinson, the school board's vice chairwoman, has charged community volunteers with the task of researching the backgrounds of candidates for Palm Beach County superintendent. That research will be used to score the applications of candidates using a grading system Robinson created following two community meetings she conducted this month. Robinson's decision to hold additional meeti...

[Broward Education Foundation honors students for holiday art](#)
(South Florida Sun-Sentinel © 12/28/2011)

The Broward Education Foundation, which supports programs in the public school system, honored six art students for their winning holiday card art submissions. School Board Member Katherine Leach, School Board Vice Chair Laurie Rich Levinson, Foundation President and CEO Jorene Jameson and Foundation Board Chair Joseph Cobo were on hand to recognize the winners. The first place winner in the elem...

[New superintendent stresses focus on students, teachers](#)
(Sun-Sentinel © 12/28/2011)

Robert Runcie, Broward Schools Superintendent, wants to put as much money as possible into the classroom and is eager to seek input from teachers. Runcie, who met with parents, students and educators last week at Coral Glades High as part of a listening tour that will take him to eight different schools in the county, reiterated his commitment to focus on student achievement. The inputs he rece...

[Math and Science Incentives Urged for Florida Colleges](#)
(Tallahassee-WCTV (CBS) © 12/28/2011)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) – A panel of higher education and business leaders says Florida's colleges and universities should offer incentives for studying science, technology, engineering and math. Encouraging so-called STEM studies was one o...

[**School board members list goals**](#)

(Tampa Bay Online © 12/28/2011)

LAND O' LAKES – Pasco County School Board members have a few resolutions as they look ahead to 2012. They want to clarify the application process for charter schools, address student discipline and improve drug and substance abuse programs, among other goals. At the request of Superintendent Heather Fiorentino, each board member is submitting to the district offices a list o...

[**Timely change**](#)

(Tampa Bay Online © 12/28/2011)

The last few years have not been good times for the Pasco County School District when it comes to money. The district had to implement big spending cuts and lay off employees, in and out of the classroom, during its current fiscal year. The outlook for next year is far from rosy as well. So it's no surprise that anything related to spending can be controversial. That was the case last week, when...

[**Cathedral of pines may become charter school**](#)

(Tampa Bay Online © 12/28/2011)

NEW TAMPA – Tucked in a serene corner of Richmond Place near the Muvico Starlight 20, a cathedral of pines and live oaks once served as a refuge for Lutherans being schooled in their faith. Two years later, the tree stand is at the center of a debate on whether it is the best place to build a new charter school and daycare center. Charter School Associates, a company specializin...

[**Top stories of 2011: School arts survive cutbacks**](#)

(Tampa Bay Times © 12/28/2011)

WESLEY CHAPEL — Strains of Bach's Cello Suite No. 1 permeated the orchestra room at Wiregrass Ranch High School as students filtered in and began tuning their instruments for practice. Senior Stephen Oppegaard, 17, performed the piece as if it were a part of him. He could not even fully explain his love for music, saying simply that playing allows his emotions to come out. He couldn't begi...

[**Editorial: Incident at Osceola Magnet School is cautionary tale about the importance of notifying registered sex offenders of new laws**](#)

(Treasure Coast News © 12/28/2011)

There are about 170 registered sex offenders in Indian River County. Florida law requires these men and women to comply with a variety of statutes, including: • Reporting in person at the sheriff's office (within 48 hours) in the county in which the offender establishes permanent or temporary residence. • Identifying himself or herself as a sexual offender when obtaining or renewing a Fl...

[**Homeless student population continues to rise**](#)

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