"Deciding on a College, a Major, and a Debt Load\(^2\) presents findings from college-data analyses

AIR hosted a panel discussion on why states and schools should make data on colleges more available to better serve students. Vice President Mark Schneider outlined his research that shows the first-year income of college graduates by major and school. Five other higher education experts took part, including Jamie P. Merisotis, president and CEO of the Lumina Foundation and Richard G. Rhoda, executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

New pocket guide on instruction for English language learners released

The Center for English Language Learners at AIR has published a free guide designed for leaders and educators to help ELLs graduate from high school well prepared for college and careers. The pocket guide, the first of three, is being made available as the number of ELLs rises.

AIR works with Google to enable students to use Chromebooks for online statewide tests

AIR is working with Google so students will be able to use Chromebooks, Google-supported laptops, to take online statewide tests. This cooperation brings together AIR’s expertise in online assessment with Google’s secure technology. AIR is currently partnering with the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium to develop next-generation assessments aligned to Common Core Standards.

Facebook app developed by AIR aims to help users “Stop HIV Together\(^2\)

To celebrate World AIDS Day, AIR developed a Facebook app for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that allows users to star in their own digital ads. Let’s Stop HIV Together is a national initiative that raises HIV awareness and fights stigma surrounding the disease.

With assistance from AIR, Honduras implements academic census tests for first time

The launch of end-of-grade tests for about 1.7 million students in Honduras marks a major achievement for the nation’s education system and the latest milestone for AIR’s USAID-funded project, Improving the Impact of Student Development in Honduras. Never before in the country’s history has student academic performance been evaluated at the census level. The Honduran president, Porfirio Lobo Sosa, and his cabinet visited a school in the colonial town of Comayagua to kick off and celebrate the tests.

IN THE MEDIA

Do school closings knock students off course? CALDER Center at AIR researchers look at the impact of shutting down a school. The Washington Post, 11/30/12

What the health law will bring in 2013 Senior VP Marilyn Moon describes upcoming tax changes. NPR, 1/1/13

NRA call to guard schools is criticized as too simplistic VP David Osher says arming schools doesn’t necessarily make learning safer. The New York Times, 12/22/12

Test designers seek help of students, one at a time AIR holds cognitive labs to compile data for Common Core assessment design. Education Week, 12/6/12

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Mental Health in the Juvenile Justice System Of the 2 million youth arrested each year in the U.S. 65-70% Have a mental health disorder