How youths see exclusionary discipline
AIR consulted with youths who say such measures as out-of-school suspension limited their academic achievement and deprived them of support services. Learn what they shared in a new report and video.

Title I funding favors districts in low-cost-of-living states, analysis shows
A policy brief co-authored by AIR experts and appearing in a special issue of Education Finance & Policy journal challenges the conventional wisdom that Title I over-subsidizes school districts in metropolitan areas. Instead, Title I—established under federal law to disperse funds to public schools in need—fails to equitably support economically disadvantaged children in metropolitan areas because it relies on measures of poverty that fail to adjust for regional cost-of-living differences. These findings suggest that school districts in low cost-of-living areas receive a disproportionately high share of Title I funding.

College Measures: What you study more important than where you study
Those who went to elite institutions don’t necessarily earn higher salaries, and some certificates and associate degrees are more lucrative than four-year degrees, a new report on the earnings of recent college graduates in five states shows. “Higher Education Pays: But a Lot More for Some Graduates than for Others” is the latest report by College Measures, a joint venture of AIR and the Matrix Knowledge Group.

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