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Brewer (Kanoë Namahoe)

Many students are living messy lives, stained with trauma and instability, and will act out as a result, said former principal Hamish Brewer during his keynote presentation Sunday at ASCD 2024. Educators should see this behavior as a cry for help, according to Brewer. "Poverty is not a learning disability. You can't discipline trauma. If you're here out of obligation, you have to go. Break the shackles. You can't serve someone you think you're better than," Brewer said.

Full Story: [SmartBrief/Education](#) (3/25)



Wis. revamps reading education



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updates and additional teacher training statewide. **Full Story:** [The Chippewa Herald \(Wis.\)](#) (3/23)



Math teacher differentiates based on support, not skill



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Chicago fifth- and sixth-grade math teacher Mona lehl stopped differentiating tasks for high-, medium- and low-scoring students and instead views differentiation as the level of teacher support each student needs to reach high, grade-level expectations. "I knew the strugglers had experiences and ideas they COULD use to solve problems if I supported them in the right ways," lehl writes, explaining the mindset and lesson examples using support-focused differentiation. **Full Story:** [MiddleWeb](#) (3/25)



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Does your team have these 5 core leadership qualities?

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Alaina Love's coaching client, Matt, was in a conundrum; he wanted to assess the capabilities of his team and find a potential successor, so Love helped him identify five core characteristics of leadership he needed to look for in his team, including a strategic mindset, the courage to take the lead while still emphasizing collaboration and potential for growth. "Given the challenges the organization faced, Matt was keen to identify team members willing to take on projects in new areas where they had little prior experience," Love writes.

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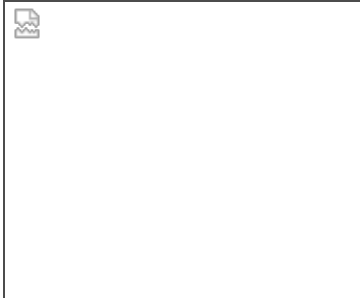


TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM

Clinical psychologist warns of effects of tech on youth

Schools and parents must address the correlation between technology overuse and youth mental health issues, clinical psychologist Lisa Strohman asserts in this Q&A,

recommending that schools not ban AI but explain its limitations and position teachers as trusted resources for students' technology questions and concerns. Strohman touts her Digital Citizen Academy program, which aims to teach schools, students and families about responsible technology use and its potential consequences. **Full Story:** [Education Week \(3/25\)](#)



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Report: Universal school meals boost student participation



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Several states have passed permanent universal school meal programs after Congress allowed the temporary nationwide policy to expire, leading to increased student participation in meal programs, according to a report by the Food Research & Action Center. However, the report also highlights a decline in student meal participation nationwide between the 2021-'22 and 2022-'23

school years, signaling the negative impact of most other states reverting to pre-pandemic meal policies. **Full Story:** [K-12 Dive](#) (3/22)



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Fla. enacts social media age restrictions

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Study finds health benefits to free school meals

Research published in Pediatrics reveals that participation in the Community Eligibility Provision, offering free meals to schools in low-income areas, led to a 2.4% relative decrease in obesity prevalence among students in over 3,500 California schools. Led by Jessica Jones-Smith and Anna Localio, the study highlights the potential of universal free

school meal programs in improving health outcomes and reducing health inequities among children. **Full Story:** [Healio \(free registration\)](#) (3/25)



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writer



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