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## Girls Who Code show off skills to lawmakers



A group of high school students come from different areas, but they speak the same language – coding. About 20 participants of the Girls Who Code summer immersion program in D.C. went to the Business Software Alliance offices Tuesday to work on projects they would [show members of Congress](#). The students, many of whom are typically the only female computer science enthusiast in their class, are trailblazers for other young women who may be interested in programming, their teacher says.



**Missoula County Public Schools** are getting a reboot. The largely rural district in Montana has been slower in getting its infrastructure up to speed and adopting some of the many software programs and digital tools on the market. But under the leadership of technology director Hatton Littman and senior information systems manager Russ Hendrickson, the district has seen vast

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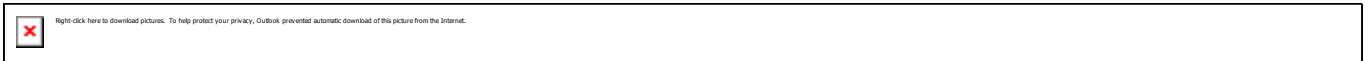
**Syracuse University is getting a massive technology upgrade.** The upstate New York campus [is spending \\$9 million](#) on new equipment that is aimed at attracting and retaining top students and faculty. The new features include new laboratories, "smart-teaching" stations with smartboards, projections screens, speakers and USB ports, as well as audio and visual improvements. The college is using a \$3 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

**The Department of Labor is** spending \$2 billion to expand its online, open education website. SkillsCommons, the repository that houses 6,000 open educational resources focused on manufacturing, healthcare, energy and information technology, is [operated by the University of California](#), which will gain exclusive rights to the platform in 2018. The repository is part of a federal initiative that helps community college students in two-year programs. It's free, and anyone with an internet connection can access it.

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