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## *Summer Learning Series*

*Welcome to the #AskExcelinEd Summer Learning Series. Follow along as the ExcelinEd team shares what they are learning over the summer. And remember to join us on social media to ask your burning policy questions. Enjoy!*

### J. Alex Kelly

*Vice President of Advocacy*

My goal every day is to lose at least once. Days spent only compiling wins are days we didn't do anything daring. And as education reformers, we are warriors for daring disruption and detangling what stands in the way of students reaching their greatest potential.

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## My Favorite Quote

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"Giving up means you never truly wanted it."

- Ray Lewis

## My Recommended News Reads

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"[What do would-be governors have to say about education?](#)" from the American Enterprise Institute shows that workforce education is by far the top issue embraced by gubernatorial candidates on all sides of the political aisle in 2018.

## State Spotlight: Michigan

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Michigan's new [Marshall Plan for Talent](#) innovation law could be a game changer with a \$100 million investment in workforce education, computer science pathways, personalized learning and related resources for teachers and schools.

## Excel //Ed Resource Highlight

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I've been so grateful to participate in our last five National Summits on Education Reform. They are the best Excel //Ed resource, because each National Summit empowers hundreds of policymakers, advocates and policy wonks to be brave and think big. ([Registration](#) is now open for the 2018 National Summit!)

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