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It is still difficult to compare student performance across states -- a chief goal of the Common Core State Standards -- according to a recent analysis by the American Institutes for Research. Data show many states use different definitions for "proficient."

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February is Black History Month, which this year has been marked by calls from some to reconsider how the nation -- and schools -- mark the month. Some educators say setting aside a specific month for such lessons can lead to less integration of the topic throughout the school year.

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About 75% of middle- and high-school teachers say they address global warming in the classroom, according to a national teacher survey backed by the National Center for Science Education. The survey finds that just more than half teach what most climate scientists say -- that humans are causing recent climate change -- but 30% say that humans are just partly to blame for climate change. Meanwhile, 5% point to no cause for the phenomenon.

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Games can provide new ways to introduce students to coding, principal Kami Thordarson writes in this blog post. She describes three such games, including Google's Made with Code, which features characters from Pixar's "Inside Out."

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