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States Attend to Chronic Absenteeism

The U.S. Department of Education released its first nationally comprehensive data on chronic absenteeism in June, revealing that about 6.5 million students—or 13 percent of the total student population—were absent at least 15 days during the 2013-2014 school year. Although the federal data is shining a national light on the problem, chronic absenteeism has been a priority for many states for years.

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Protecting Data Starts with Education and a Plan

Cyberattacks are increasing in frequency and scope and are becoming more sophisticated; the impact for states can be significant and far ranging. But it doesn't take an information technology specialist to understand and be proactive in protecting your state's cyber assets.

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Two States Generate Internet Sales Tax Cases Aimed at Supreme Court

In March 2015, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote a concurring opinion stating that the "legal system should find an appropriate case for this Court to re-examine *Quill*," a 1992 case in which the Supreme Court held that states could not require retailers without an in-state physical presence to collect sales taxes. Two lawsuits out of South Dakota and Alabama might be exactly the case Kennedy had in mind.

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Experts Examine the Legality of the Clean Power Plan

Experts discussed the legal arguments for and against the Clean Power Plan, or CPP, during a recent CSG eCademy webcast, "What's Next? Legal Perspectives on the Clean Power Plan," presented with the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies. "The regulatory authority that EPA is claiming under this rule really is quite remarkable and goes well beyond anything that EPA or any other federal agency has ever claimed for itself," said attorney Jeffery Holmstead of Bracewell, LLP.

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Alzheimer's Projections: 2016-2025

In June, Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month is celebrated around the world. By 2030, less than 14 years away, almost 1 in 5 Americans will be 65 or older. And one vulnerable group of elders, those with Alzheimer's disease, will increase by more than a third, from 5.2 million in 2016 to 7.1

Our Silent National Crisis

Suicide has become the 10th leading cause of death in the United States, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The deaths represent on average 113 suicides per day and more than 41,100 lives each year, at a cost to the U.S. economy of more than \$51 billion annually in

million in 2050.
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lost work and medical costs.
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North Dakotans Uphold Corporate Farming Ban

On June 14, North Dakotans went to the polls to vote to repeal a bill that allowed the expansion of corporate farming in the state. Voters overwhelmingly chose to repeal SB 2351 by a measure of 75 percent to 25 percent. The bill, which received Gov. Jack Dalrymple's signature in 2015, made exceptions to the state's longstanding prohibition of corporate farming. Eight other states have laws to limit corporate farming.
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Education and Workforce Director Addresses Teacher Educators

CSG Director of Education and Workforce Development Elizabeth Whitehouse spoke at the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education's State Leaders Institute on June 6 in Washington, D.C. Whitehouse was part of a panel of representatives from state policy organizations who discussed strategies for the teacher educator community and state policymakers to build relationships and partner on efforts related to the Every Student Succeeds Act.

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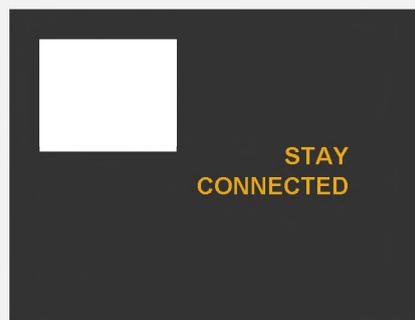
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