



The Roundup

- The Supreme Court appeared sympathetic to giving parents the ability to opt their children out of lessons that run counter to their religious beliefs during [oral arguments yesterday](#) in the case of Mahmoud v. Taylor.
- The federal government is moving to withhold all of Maine's federal K-12 education funds after [the state refused to agree](#) with the Trump administration's claim that Title IX bars transgender students from playing in girls' sports.
- Two elementary school principals in Los Angeles denied entry to Homeland Security officials who [falsely claimed they were there to do wellness checks](#) on students at the request of their families.
- Former Education Secretary Margaret Spellings warns that the Trump administration's plan to dismantle the Department of Education [distracts from urgent student performance issues and risks](#) that undermine accountability, transparency, and the federal role in ensuring educational equality.
- The Spokane School District (WA) has optimized its new cellphone ban with an ["Engage IRL" campaign](#) that promotes extracurricular activities, resulting in increased student engagement, reduced absenteeism, and fewer classroom disruptions.
- Schools across the U.S. are [struggling to hire qualified math teachers](#) due to inadequate teacher preparation, limited professional development, and structural barriers in schools, according to a new Gallup poll.
- [Increased and equitable education funding significantly improves student outcomes](#), according to new Learning Policy Institute research that highlights the positive impact of Title I and other federal funds on student achievement.
- [Two 9-year-old students in the Washington, D.C., area accidentally discharged firearms at their schools](#) in the same week. Fortunately, no injuries occurred.
- There are now more than 800 confirmed cases of measles across 25 states with 38% being among children 5-19 years-old, [according to the CDC](#).

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