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State Superintendent Talks about the Give Five-Read Five Program in her Latest Blog Post

In her [latest blog post](#), State Superintendent June Atkinson discusses the growth in popularity of the Give Five-Read Five program and how it is reaching more North Carolina students than ever before. Visit the [State Superintendent's Blog](#) to read more about how the support of districts, schools and community partners will help push the Give 5-Read 5 campaign to the ambitious goal of collecting one million books.

Tables Pulled From the 2014-15 Consolidated Report Now Online

Tables providing specific data pulled from the 2014-15 Consolidated Data Report are now available on the [Research and Evaluation website](#). Tables related to crime and violence data provide information for reportable crimes and the number of acts for each district and school. Tables related to suspension rates provide the number of long and short-term suspensions and expulsions by district and school. In addition to crime and violence data and suspension statistics, tables providing [dropout information](#) from 2010 to 2015, and by gender, race and ethnicity are also available.

Exceptional Children Division Hosts Summer Institutes for EC Teachers

A schedule of Summer Institute sessions for Exceptional Children educators seeking in-service training is now available on the [Exceptional Children website](#). Space is limited for each session, so be sure to reserve your space early.



Lists for 2015-17 Title I Priority and Focus Schools on the Web

Lists for [Priority](#) and [Focus](#) Schools under Title I for 2015-17 are now available on the Federal Program and Monitoring Website. Additional resources such as methodology and parent notification templates are also available.



EL Support Conference Scheduled for July 26-28

Join EL educators in Greensboro July 26-28 for the Third Annual EL Support Conference. Participants will have the option to select courses covering best practices, classroom observation and coaching, digital tools to support academic achievement, and more. To register, please visit the [English as a Second Language website](#).

Student Voices Blogger praises schools and staff for providing environment that encourages freedom of expression

This month's featured student blogger, J. Greenstein, from Fuquay Varina High School, talks about how her "beautifully complicated" experience with the public school system has encouraged and empowered her to speak freely about topics big and small. To read this blog, and previous posts from other featured students bloggers, please visit the [Student Voices Blog website](#).



Governor's School Documents for 2016 Session Participants on the Web

With the selection process finished for the 2016 NC Governor's School, participants and their parents should visit the [Governor's School website](#) and review the list of documents that need to be completed before the session begins June 19. The Governor's School of North Carolina is a residential program for intellectually gifted high school students, integrating academic disciplines, the arts, and unique courses on two campuses - Governor's School West at Salem College in Winston-Salem and Governor's School East at Meredith College in Raleigh.

"It's All Greek to Me" Takes on a Different Meaning for Socrates Academy Students

Why learn Greek? Athanasios Smith, director of Greek Studies at the Socrates Academy, explains the benefits of learning Greek in the latest [Celebrate NC Schools feature](#). Want to learn more about the creative and innovative learning taking place in our schools? Check out the [Archived](#) and [RTTT](#) features for the Celebrate NC website too.

**Save the Date! 2016 EC Conference is
Nov. 7-9**



The 66th Annual Conference on Exceptional Children is scheduled for Nov. 7-9 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. Join education professionals and parents from across the state to share and learn about innovations and exciting practices, to help exceptional children achieve. Be sure to check the [Exceptional Children conference website](#) for regular updates.



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