



January 7– January 20, 2012

EDUCATION: Federal

- Rep. John Kline, (R-Minnesota) releases drafts of bills to reform accountability and teacher effectiveness in No Child Left Behind. [Link](#)
- *CNN* Op-Ed by Rep. John Kline: We need to fix No Child Left Behind. [Link](#)
- *Education Week* releases “Quality Counts” report card, gives Michigan a C+ overall. [Link](#)
- *New York Times* Op-Ed: A Poverty Solution That Starts With a Hug. [Link](#)

EDUCATION: State

- The House held hearings on bills reforming cyber schools and dual enrollment, which are part of the education reform package passed by the Senate last October. [Link](#)
- Gov. Snyder appoints new members Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC) Board. [Link](#)
- Citizen’s Research Council Report: Education Reform: Pre and Post Employment Teacher Training. [Link](#) • [Commentary](#)
- *Chicago Tribune*: New reward for smart use of longer school day: CPS offers \$100,000 grants to 30 schools showing creativity. [Link](#)
- *Detroit Free Press*: Snyder agrees: Highland Park schools need emergency manager. [Link](#)
- Audit finds that Department of Human Services has high error rate for eligibility determinations in Child Development and Care program. [Link](#)
- Rep. Bob Genetski (R- Saugatuck) introduced legislation to allow a major in accounting or writing to count toward certification requirements for teacher certification. [Link](#)
- Education officials present plans for mischooldata.gov to state school board, saying that more information on race, socioeconomic status and teacher performance is forthcoming. Board members discussed concerns that the site’s interface is not parent-friendly. [Link](#)
- *Detroit News* Op-Ed: DPS reform a model for the city. [Link](#)
- *Dome Magazine*: John Austin: Put State’s Budget Surplus to Work. [Link](#)
- *Detroit Free Press*: Detroit City Council investigates \$24.1-million no-bid Head Start contract. [Link](#)

INCOME: Federal

- *Bloomberg*: Payday Lending Is Focus of Consumer Bureau Alabama Field Hearing. [Link](#)

INCOME: State

- *Detroit News*: Snyder targets crime, poverty: In MLK tribute, he calls for better access to Web, public transit. [Link](#)
- *Detroit Free Press*: Tom Walsh: On trip, Gov. Rick Snyder to study how Germany improves workers' skills. [Link](#)
- Michigan League for Human Services asks lawmakers to use state budget surplus to partially restore the state EITC. [Link](#)
- Rep. Alberta Tinsley-Talabi introduced a bill to prohibit mortgage foreclosure for homeowners in active military duty. [Link](#)
- *Detroit News*: More Detroit area home foreclosures expected: Home sales unlikely to pick up, prices may drop or stagnate. [Link](#)
- Rep. Fred Durhal and the Fair Chance Coalition launch campaign to help individuals with felonies search for jobs. [Link](#)
- *MLive*: Muskegon County changes job-application process to assist felons. [Link](#)

BASIC NEEDS: Federal

- Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Alabama) Asks Administration To Make Good On New Promise Of Food Stamp Oversight. [Link](#)
- *The Root*: Whites and Welfare: GOP and the Food Stamp Fallacy. [Link](#)
- *MLive*: Pontiac to retain control of \$1.4 million in HUD block grant funds. [Link](#)
- House Committee plans hearing on Feb. 9, 2012 to examine FY2013 budget projections for the department that administers EFSP. [Link](#)

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- Rep. Alberta Tinsley-Talabi (D-Detroit) introduced a resolution urging Congress to expand allowable uses of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) dollars. [Link](#)
- Audit finds high error rates for Family Independence Program eligibility determinations. [Link](#)

OTHER: Federal

- *Huffington Post*: State of the Union Address 2012: Obama Speech Scheduled for Jan. 24. [Link](#)
- President Obama Announces proposal to reform, reorganize and consolidate Government. [Link](#)

OTHER: State

- Governor Snyder delivered the State of the State address. [Link](#) ▪ [Commentary](#)
- Gov. Snyder plans to present state budget proposal Feb. 9, 2012.

- *Detroit News*: Groups clamor for share of Michigan's \$457M budget surplus. [Link](#)
- Light rail 'not dead'; M1 Rail gets 90 days to create plan. [Link](#) ▪ [Commentary](#)
- *Detroit News*: Ecorse has eliminated deficit, emergency manager says. [Link](#)
- *Detroit News*: Right to work fight may hit Michigan. [Link](#)
- A House Committee heard testimony on proposed reforms to the regulations surrounding labor strikes and union dues. [Link](#)
- Rep. Harvey Santana (D-Detroit) removed from House Agriculture committee.

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