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LINC Workshop: Leadership and the Learning Continuum – On Monday, the LINC initiative hosted a workshop for principal preparation faculty on integrating Early Learning, ELL, and Special Education into principal preparation programs. Materials from the workshop can be found at: <http://www.leadershiplinc.ilstu.edu/presentations/>.

Learning from Leadership Video Commentary: The Wallace Foundation has released a video commentary by Kyla Wahlstrom, co-author of the [*Learning from Leadership: Investigating the Links to Improved Student Learning*](#) that can be viewed at: <http://www.wallacefoundation.org/NewsRoom/speeches-and-presentations/Pages/learning-from-leadership-a-video-commentary-on-the-report.aspx>

Kindergarten Readiness Report: Attached (see first attachment) is a report issued by a panel of Illinois educators and early childhood experts that offers a blueprint for a new kindergarten assessment that would measure the academic and social readiness of every 5-year-old that would give schools and parents a clear picture of a child's social, emotional, physical, developmental and cognitive abilities upon their first year of school.

Web Resources:

- [Leadership in Action Briefing Series for New England Leaders](#) provides resources on a variety of topics for schools leaders in the New England states but relevant to the work of leaders anywhere.
- Education Week rural blog: Education Week is running a blog directed at rural school issues that can be accessed at: http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/rural_education/

Leadership in the News:

- **Charter Schools Suffer Leadership Shortages:** A recent [Washington Post article](#) reported on the increasing problem of shortages of high quality leaders for charter schools.
- **Bill Would Waive Certification for Charter School Teachers:** A [bill](#) in the Connecticut General Assembly would allow the state's education commissioner to waive the certification requirements for charter school teachers and administrators with a proven record of success.
- **New York City Leadership Academy CEO Appointment:** The NYCLA has appointed Irma Zardoya as its next CEO. A press release issued by NYCLA (see second attachment) details the background and credentials of the new CEO.