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Follow Up Study on New York City Leadership Academy Graduates: A follow up study by the Institute for Education and Social Policy at NYU to the 2009 report, [The New York City Aspiring Principals Program: A School-Level Analysis](#) has found that schools led by NYCLA graduates continue to close the achievement gap in student performance. Attached (see first attachment) is a memorandum of the findings.

Guide for School Leaders on Improving Teacher Quality: American Institutes for Research Vice President Sabrina Laine and AIR staff members Ellen Behrstock-Sherratt and Molly Lasagna have released a new book, [Improving Teacher Quality: A Guide for Education Leaders](#). The book identifies key influences on effective teaching, such as working conditions and salaries, and provides strategies to address them.

Global Perspectives on Educational Leadership Reform: The Advances in Educational Administration book series has just released a new book called [Global Perspectives on Educational Leadership Reform: The Development and Preparation of Leaders of Learning and Learners of Leadership](#), edited by Anthony Normore. The book examines strategies for creating innovative leadership practices and partnerships needed for 21st century schools.

Grading Teachers and Leaders: A task force created by New Jersey Governor Chris Christie proposed a teacher evaluation system based on a combination of test scores, personal observation and school-wide performance. The [report](#) also suggested methods for rating principals, grading them on student test scores and their ability to retain good teachers while purging bad ones.

Turnaround Leadership: The [March issue](#) of the American Association of School Administrators is focused on leading turnaround school efforts.

Summer Leadership Institute: Attached (see second attachment) is a summer institute that is being held at Syracuse University focused on how leaders can create equitable environments for all students.

Pension Legislation: Lastly, attached (see last attachment) is information regarding a current bill before the Illinois General Assembly. [IL-SAELP has no position on this bill](#), but I am posting it at the request of a consortium member who thought that this would be a bill of interest to some of our members.