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Inequity and learning loss in a post-COVID world

The COVID-19 crisis has exacerbated well-known inequities in education, including those along political, socio-economic, and gendered lines. The recently concluded United Nations Summit on Transforming Education brought together representatives from over 130 countries to discuss the global education crisis and the future of education.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres highlighted the alarming trend of education producing a great divide, rather than being a great enabler of equality and prosperity if nations do not mitigate the impact global crises have had on education. Ahead of the Summit, UN officials urged collective action on future-oriented learning and education financing to recover pandemic-era learning losses and ensure education remains a reality for young people everywhere.

Over the four days of the Summit, core discussion takeaways include:

1. Letting youth be in the driver's seat of education
2. Understanding the power of strategic partnerships
3. Understanding the importance of digitalisation

Education in the Spotlight:

More to be done to ease workload, improve productivity of early childhood educators | The Straits Times

A happy educator is linked to a happy child, which is why efforts are being made in Singapore to help early childhood educators ease their workload and improve productivity.

Waiting for the traveling teacher: Remote rural schools need more hands-on help | The Hechinger Report

Students in these tiny schools get personal attention, but need exposure to higher education to compete for college and careers.

Educators can help make STEM fields diverse – over 25 years, I've identified nudges that can encourage students to stay | The Conversation

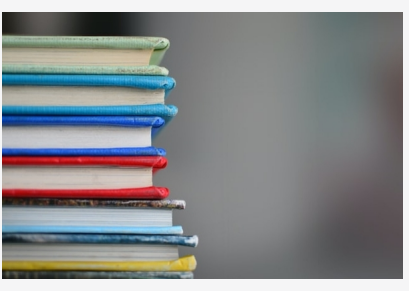
Connecting studies to the real world, mentorship, and community make all the difference.

Universities must stop students cheating, and start by investing in them | The Guardian

Cost-cutting in higher education leaves students disconnected from their learning and lacking academic support.

To combat illiteracy post-pandemic, we must reimagine the ways and places where reading happens | The Hechinger Report

In honour of International Literacy Day, here are some ideas for how to improve reading and support all learners.



Facing budget shortfalls, these schools are turning to the sun | The New York Times

Public schools in the United States are increasingly using savings from solar energy to upgrade facilities, help their communities, and give teachers raises — often with no cost to taxpayers.

That's all for the week!

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