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### Steve's Sound-Off

June 2017

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Summer is officially here! Here are some tips to help your students (and you) avoid the **'summer slide.'** Whether you are working or relaxing, EES wishes you a summer full of enriching, meaningful experiences!

All the best,  
Steve Edwards

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### Mount Hope Educator Selected as 2018 NEA Foundation Global Learning Fellow

Congratulations to Julie Midkiff, an art educator at Bradley Elementary School in Mount Hope, West Virginia!

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The [NEA Foundation](#) named Julie Midkiff as one of the 48 public school educators to become a member of this year's class of Global Learning Fellows. Midkiff will spend a year building global competency skills (the capacity to understand and act on issues of global significance). As a result of the Fellowship, Midkiff will be better equipped to prepare students for global citizenship. Fellows also create valuable global lesson plans for their students that are freely shared with educators across the nation and the world through open-source platforms.

"By examining the differences and similarities between the visual arts and cultures around the world, my students will be able to learn about a range of diverse cultures while they are themselves learning about their own Appalachian heritage," says Midkiff. "By comparing the two cultures, my students in their youth will gain a wider global perspective and

understanding of the question of what it means to be part of a greater human family."

This class of Fellows was selected from more than 400 applicants from across the country.

Congrats again, Julie! Your EES family is proud of you!



### Changing the Paradigm: Leading for Today and Tomorrow

Edwards Educational Services (EES) held its West Virginia Cohort 4 Leadership Institute at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, Virginia from June 12th -14th. Groups of aspiring and current school leaders from Fayette, Raleigh, McDowell and Pleasants, West Virginia spent three days engaged in professional conversations about the critical role of a visionary school principal. Leaders of today face seemingly insurmountable challenges, yet each individual participant spoke of personal experiences that motivated them to stay the course, advocate for the children in their care, and try to make a difference despite a lack of resources and support.

The Leadership Program offered participants the opportunity to reflect on the most current expertise of effective leadership, with a focus on teaching and learning; all important tools with which to positively engage a community and school(s) in organizational change. These are the leaders of tomorrow, and with the support and expertise of the EES staff, these future leaders will continue to build knowledge, make an impact on student achievement and make a difference in the lives of children who in many cases cannot advocate for themselves.



### Indiana Youth Institute Webinar

This June, Dr. Steve Edwards presented a webinar entitled, "Creating Positive Environments in Schools and Youth-serving Organizations" hosted by the [Indiana Youth Institute](#).

No single factor has a greater impact on the trajectory of an organization than climate and culture. Schools and school districts that thrive in these rapidly-changing times fuel their climate and culture by the visible and invisible actions and behaviors that take place everyday. This webinar featured strategies and techniques to help educational

leaders transform their culture and climate into a positive vibrant learning environment.

To book Dr. Edwards for your next meeting or webinar, please email us [here](#)



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