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### Steve's Sound-Off

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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Summer is officially here; I hope everyone had a successful school year and is taking some time to relax, reflect, and of course, invest in their own professional development! Read more below about two opportunities this summer to continue to learn and grow!

All the best,  
Steve Edwards

### Leadership for the New Millennium Recap

Over 40 administrators, aspiring administrators, and superintendents gathered at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, West Virginia on June 18th -20th for an Institute that served as a culmination of training for cohort participants. Raleigh County, McDowell County and Fayette County were all represented, as well as a team from Wirt County led by their superintendent, Dr. MaryJane Pope Albin.

Dr. Steve Edwards, president and CEO of Edwards Educational Services, and Dr. Anthony Annunziato, Project Director launched the Institute by addressing salient topics such as Visionary Leadership and Leading for Change: Strategic Planning. Cohort members and participants engaged in high level conversations about the challenges of school improvement and systemic change. Significant time was spent on personal reflection of core values and skill sets needed to lead schools through difficult times while maintaining high expectations.

Dr. Mary Lu MacCorkle focused on the importance and qualities of highly effective teams and their role in improving teaching and learning. Dr. MacCorkle emphasized how data and the analysis and application of the implications of data, becomes the lynchpin upon which teachers improve their instructional practice. Administrators and school leaders play an important role in supporting teachers within the context of a collaborative culture.

Participants expressed their appreciation of the experiences and content they were provided and left the Institute inspired with a renewed sense of purpose.



### Hydroponics Lab Brings Lettuce and Entrepreneurial Skills to Welch Elementary

Students at Welch Elementary School in Welch, West Virginia took full advantage of their [hydroponics](#) lab this year! Using hydroponics, which is a method of growing plants without soil, students grew over 300 heads of lettuce, which they then sold at a school fair. In addition to learning about the life cycle of plants, students also honed their presentation and entrepreneurial skills in this prime example of 21st Century Learning. Great job, Welch Elementary!



## National School Safety Conference and Expo

Don't forget to register for the 2018 National School Safety Conference and Exposition, the largest and most comprehensive conference focused on all the aspects of school safety and security from Kindergarten through college! Make plans to attend this conference July 23-27 in Orlando, Florida and hear Dr. Steve Edwards keynote on "At-risk Youth and School Violence: Understanding the Connection."

Centered on national best practices and proven localized programs and efforts, this conference brings together the most knowledgeable and internationally renowned keynote presenters into one forum to provide the highest quality professional development possible in one conference.

For more information and to register, click [here](#)

## Funding for your Projects

Sometimes classroom projects need a little funding to get off the ground. Here are some educational grants to make your best ideas a reality!

### [Grants and Resources](#)

*If you'd like EES to work collaboratively with you on a grant, please contact us at [steve@edwardsedservices.com](mailto:steve@edwardsedservices.com)*

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All the best,

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