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The New Science of Rural Education

https://www.theatlantic.com/sponsored/chevron-stem-education/the-science-of-rural-education/207/?utm_source=twb

FDA Spread the Word:

[Science and Our Food Supply: Using the Nutrition Facts Label to Make Healthy Food Choices:](#)

This is a nutrition-based curriculum that introduces students to the fundamentals of healthy food choices using the Nutrition Facts label as a starting point. [Here](#) is a link to the middle school curriculum, and [here](#) is the link to the high school curriculum.

[Read the Label Youth Outreach Materials:](#) These materials challenge children ages 9–13 to look for and use the Nutrition Facts label on food and beverage packages.

In addition, there are some images of the updated Nutrition Facts label available for download [here](#) and some information about the key changes to the label [here](#). The link [here](#) provides more information about other nutrition education materials we currently have available, including the materials listed above.

Opinion: Rural Needs a Positive Vision to Survive and Thrive

More people than ever need opportunities that rural America can provide. It's up to those who love those communities welcome the next generations of rural Americans.

<https://www.dailyonder.com/opinion-rural-needs-a-positive-vision-to-survive-and-thrive/2020/02/12/>

Maine DOE Warns That State Could Lose More Than \$1 Million In Federal Grants For Rural Schools By Robbie Feinberg

<https://www.mainepublic.org/post/maine-doe-warns-state-could-lose-more-1-million-federal-grants-rural-schools>

<https://cpa.ds.npr.org/mpbn/audio/2020/02/robbie20200211.mp3>

Want to bridge urban-rural divide? Let employees work remotely, says economic developer BY Don Kirkman

<https://www.wraltechwire.com/2020/02/11/want-to-bridge-urban-rural-divide-let-employees-work-remotely-says-economic-developer/>

Minnesota is our featured state this week for the 50 States in 50 Weeks project! Each week, the [#IAmARuralTeacher](#) Campaign is featuring a different state and what rural looks like to them. This collaboration between the [National Rural Education Association](#) and [I Am A Rural](#)



[Teacher](#) demonstrates how vast the rural communities of America really are. Are you a Minnesota rural teacher? We would love to hear from you! Submit your story today at <http://bit.ly/RuralTeachersPerspectives>.

House Members have one month to submit requests to Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee – Starting today until March 13, House members can submit electronic requests for program funding or language to be included in the fiscal year (FY) 2021 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill. Subcommittee Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) has [posted a letter](#) explaining the process. Members of Congress must rank their priorities in their letters. House leadership has expressed its goal of passing the majority of FY 2021 appropriations bills by the end of June, so we expect that the first of the 12 appropriations bills might be produced in April. We also expect that the Appropriations Committee will hold hearings on the FY 2021 budget with many of the cabinet secretaries, but none has yet been announced.

Senate outside witness testimony for Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee – Outside witnesses may submit written testimony on the FY 2021 budget to the Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee from now through May 22. Instructions on the process are posted [here](#). That deadline implies that we won't be seeing the FY 2021 appropriations bill in the Senate until June at the earliest.

Sample tweets and charts about the President's FY 2021 education budget – I've attached some updated charts about the President's education budget that we encourage you to use in your advocacy and social media. Below are some sample tweets for your consideration: The federal government spends less than 2% of the budget on education, but the President's 2021 budget cuts that share even deeper. Follow @edfunding to learn more about why we need to increase – not cut – federal support for education #5cents4edfunding

The President's 2021 budget slashes federal support for education down to less than it was 10 years ago; that's \$13 billion less in inflation-adjusted dollars. Follow @edfunding to learn more, and call your Senators & Rep to tell them to increase – not cut - #edfunding

Despite strong public support for education funding, the President's budget slashes federal investments in education – repeating requests for unprecedented deep cuts that Congress has refused to enact. Follow @edfunding to learn more about the return on investments in education