



“[I]f students can (and I suspect do) find answers from Alexa and Siri,

education at the knowledge level is simply not relevant. Please don't read what I didn't write. Do students need skills in reading and math, science and social studies? Absolutely.”

From “The Three R's and the Four C's: Education in a World of Innovation” by **Tamara Uselman** (superintendent, Bismarck Public Schools, Bismarck, N.D.) on Superintendent Uselman's blog

“I am always thankful that I follow the wisdom of Aristotle — ‘Where your talents and the needs of the world cross, there lies your vocation’ — and found my way to Atlanta more than three years ago.”

From “Even Amid the Tumult ... So Many Reasons for APS Thankfulness” by **Meria Carstarphen** (superintendent, Atlanta, Ga.) on her blog ATLSuper Blog

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“[T]o ignore the quality of excellent charter schools and the impact that one or more can have on a school district is irresponsible, particularly on political or ideological grounds, given the potential a charter school can bring to a community.”

From “The War on Coal (& Charter Schools) May Be Over in Kentucky” by **Allan Mucерino** (superintendent, Duarte Unified School District, Duarte, Calif.) on his blog Allan J. Mucерino, Ed.D.

Read the full postings of these and other members' blogs at www.aasa.org/SABlogs.aspx.

“[T]he term autonomy can also imply isolation, and isolation is the enemy of excellence. Our schools and educators should be given the latitude to make key decisions for their students and schools. However, they should also be connected to a larger network of professional expertise and wisdom.”

From “Autonomy or Empowerment” by **Jason Glass** (superintendent, Jefferson County, Colo.) on his blog Advance Jeffco

