

The School Health Listserve

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Welcome to our first issue for the 2005-2006 school year. The School Health Listserve provides news clippings and resources for school leaders and educators. We hope you find this information useful.

Best regards,

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P.S. We recently revamped the design of this resource so that we can better deliver our content. We hope you like the new look and feel. Please watch for the launch of more school health resources on October 28, 2005, at www.principalsonline.com!

School Health News

[The good and bad news of Net access in schools](#)

"About 16 million students in middle and high school now use the Internet [in schools] compared to 11 million who were using it in schools just five years ago. That's a 45 percent increase," says Lee Rainie, director of a new survey released by the Pew Internet and American Life Project. (ABC News)

[Dental Health Worsens Among Poor, Young Children, But Improves Among Adults, Teenagers, Study Says](#)

New York Times (Requires free, one-time registration)

[Half of 15-to-19 Teen Females Report Having Oral Sex](#)

In year 2002 interviews by the National Center for Health Statistics, 58 percent of white females 15-19 years of age and 53 percent of black females in that age group reported that they had at some time given or received oral sex. For males, 57 percent of white males ages 15-19 and 59 percent of black males in the age group reported having had oral sex. Among Hispanic females 15-19 years of age, 48.8 percent reported having had any oral sex, and for Hispanic males in that age group, the percentage was 52.9. (Healthandschools.org)

[Four in 10 Ontario teachers have been the targets of verbal abuse, physical threats or intimidation by their students](#), according to a study being released today. The survey paints a picture of the severity of bullying in the classroom, with about half of the teachers in Grades 7 to 9 saying they have been intimidated by their pupils. What's worse, the second-highest incidence of bullying is found in kindergarten classrooms and junior grades, the survey found. (Globe & Mail)

[DARE Becoming Rarer](#)

Phoenix is the latest Valley city to cut the well-known DARE programs from its schools, citing budget limits and questions about how effective they are in keeping students from using drugs. (Arizona Republic)

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"Adolescent Physical Activity: Reasons for Relapse" by Dr. Tanya R. Berry

Alberta Centre for Active Living and Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, University of Alberta; Patti-Jean Naylor, PhD, School of Physical Education, University of Victoria; Joan Wharf Higgins, PhD, School of Physical Education, University of Victoria.

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