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The Teacher Quality and Improvement e-newsletter is a free publication from CCSSO focusing on efforts at the state and district level to strengthen teacher quality and school leadership, particularly in high-poverty, low-performing schools. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide links to recent reports, studies, legislative action, and news articles related to teacher quality and improvement efforts.

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

- **TODAY: Thursday, September 7, 2006, 3-4 pm Eastern time**  
[Innovative Ideas and Practical Suggestions for Improving the State Highly Qualified Teacher Plans](#)  
*Live, interactive webcast sponsored by the National Comprehensive Center for Teacher Quality (NCCTQ), in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Education. Information from this event will be archived on [www.ncctq.org](http://www.ncctq.org) under "webcasts."*  
[Registration](#) is required for participation, but there is no registration fee.
- **Thursday, September 21, 2006, 3-4 pm Eastern time**  
[Focusing Teacher Preparation on At-Risk and Hard-to-Staff Schools](#)  
*Live, interactive webcast sponsored by the National Comprehensive Center for Teacher Quality (NCCTQ). Information from this event will be archived on [www.ncctq.org](http://www.ncctq.org) under "webcasts."*  
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### California legislators pass bill giving principals in low-achieving schools the power to refuse teacher transfers, regardless of teacher seniority; bill awaits governor's signature

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- Honawar, V. ["Some Calif. principals could get more control over hiring."](#) *Education Week*, September 6, 2006.

### NYC Chancellor calls off plan to impose hiring freeze because it would have required principals to hire unassigned teachers & assistant principals they did not necessarily want

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### Maryland gubernatorial candidates offer competing proposals on new compensation systems for teachers, principals

Incumbent Gov. Robert Ehrlich favors teacher pay-for-performance; Baltimore Mayor/challenger Martin O'Malley proposes \$200,000 bonuses to lure accomplished principals to state's lowest-performing schools

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  - Ellzey, D. "[State outpacing others in preparing teachers.](#)" *The (Hammond, LA) Daily Star*, August 28, 2006.

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### State and district progress toward the goal that all teachers will be highly qualified

- [NCLB Highly Qualified Teacher and Paraprofessional Database](#)  
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