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ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION "GPA for Teacher Scholarship Lowered" During a General Assembly session in which Gov. Roy Barnes and state lawmakers demanded higher standards of students, they again lowered the bar for prospective educators to get a special scholarship designed to increase the supply of quality teachers.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS "State Warns of Massive Test Failures" High schools across Texas will face massive failure rates on the state's new graduation test unless they beef up their instructional programs, according to a report from the Texas Education Agency.

FLORIDA TIMES-UNION "House Passes Bill on School Vouchers" The Florida House passed a bill yesterday that would give parents of students at crowded public schools tax money to attend private schools.

LOS ANGELES TIMES "5 Hurt in Gunfire at High School Near San Diego; Student Is Held" For the second time in three weeks, a teenage gunman opened fire at a suburban San Diego high school, wounding five people Thursday before a policeman on duty at the campus brought a quick end to the attack, shooting the gunman.

NEW YORK TIMES (free registration required) "House Republicans Present a School Bill Mirroring Bush's Plan" Republicans in the House of Representatives unveiled their education bill today, one modeled closely on President Bush's blueprint for annual tests of student progress coupled with threats to cut federal money for schools that chronically fall behind.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE "49 Million Kids Swell U.S. Schools: Most from Boomer or Immigrant Families" The Census Bureau reported yesterday that the number of students enrolled from kindergarten through high school has soared to 49 million, the record population figure first set in 1970.