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March Edition of SREB's Promising Practices Newsletter

Announcing Our 2026 Pacesetter Award Winners

Middle School:
Albert Hill Middle
School (VA)

High School:
Sylacauga High
School (AL)

Tech Center:
Floyd D. Johnson
CTE Center (SC)

District:
Oxford City
Schools (AL)

We are proud to celebrate four institutions that have demonstrated extraordinary growth and commitment to the *Making Schools Work* goals. These schools have moved the needle on ACT scores, accreditation and career readiness.

Please join us in celebrating:

- **High School:** Sylacauga High School, AL
- **Middle School:** Albert Hill Middle School, VA
- **Technology Center:** Floyd D. Johnson CTE Center, SC
- **Elementary/District:** Oxford City Schools, AL

8 Real-World Stories: Teaching With AI



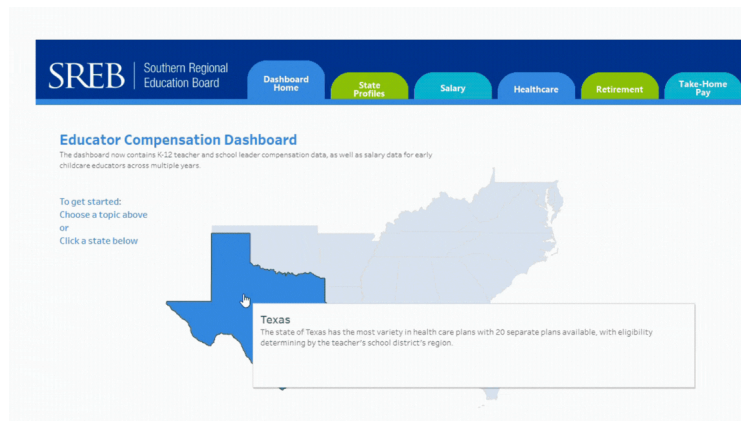
Artificial Intelligence is no longer just a "future" concept—it's in the classroom today. We've compiled eight stories from educators who are using AI to enhance lesson planning, student feedback and creative problem-solving.

[Explore the AI Stories](#)

The State of Educator Compensation: Data and Insights

We are taking a deep dive into the structural challenges facing our schools today. Start with the "why" in our latest blog post, then explore the "how" with our new interactive tool.

- [Beyond the Paycheck](#): Discover why educator compensation must evolve to keep our best talent in the classroom.
- [Interactive Dashboard](#): How does your state compare? Use our educator compensation dashboard to explore salaries, benefits and the cost of living across the SREB region.



[View the Compensation Dashboard](#)

Conference Spotlight: Shifting the Narrative With Shree Walker



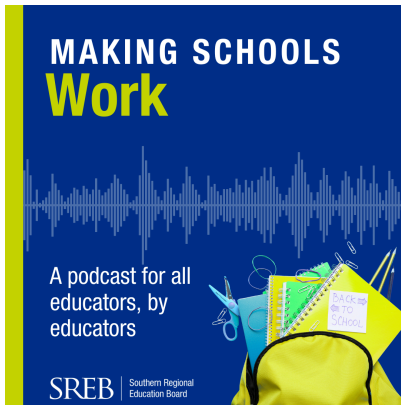
Whether you joined us in 2025 or are planning for Nashville, our featured speaker series offers actionable insights you can use today. This month, we're spotlighting Shree Walker and her transformative approach to student success.

[The Resilient Walker](#): Are you seeing the data point or the child? Discover six ways to shift your perspective and see the "whole student" behind the desk.

[Explore All Our Blog Posts](#)

Listen (or Read): The Making Schools Work Podcast

This semester, we are focusing many of our episodes around advice from the [2026 Making Schools Work Conference featured speakers](#).



Featured speaker episodes now include an accompanying blog post for those who prefer to read the highlights.

Catch up on our featured speaker episodes:

- [Creating a Culture of Love With Marck Abraham](#)
- [Bridging Generations With Tony Johnson](#)
- [Student Agency With Lisa Bonelli \(and Students\)](#)
- What's Your Value to Your Teachers With Baruti Kafele ([Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#))


SREB Team Spotlight: And don't miss our episode on [Building High-Performing School Teams](#) with the SREB coaching staff.

Coming Soon: In the next few weeks, we will have new episodes with featured speakers Nicole Cobb, Thomas C. Murray and Natasha Brown, along with more insights from our SREB coaching team.

[Listen to All of Our Podcast Episodes](#)

New and Upcoming

Check out upcoming events SREB is hosting and attending:

 **April 6, 2026** – [Advanced Career Institute Winter Session: Course 2](#) (dates vary, but they begin on March 2)

 **April 30, 2026** - Early Bird pricing ends for the [Making Schools Work Conference in Nashville](#)

 **April 30, 2026** - [Registration ends for learning community spots](#) at the Making Schools Work Conference in Nashville

 **July 14-17, 2026** - [Making Schools Work Conference in Nashville](#)

[Learn More About Our Upcoming Events](#)

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