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The Platte Institute for Economic Research was pleased to host an Education Summit at the Scott Conference Center on Tuesday. It was a rigorous debate of the challenges and opportunities in education today. Below you will find a link to a story about the study we released on Virtual Education in conjunction with the conference.

Also below, please find our guest editorial that appeared last weekend in the Omaha World-Herald about the need for entitlement reform as it pertains to Medicare.

Virtual school plan praised

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20110622/NEWS01/706229881>

By [Joe Dejka](#) , WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

A virtual school would give students in rural and low-performing schools access to honors, enrichment and remediation courses, and improving achievement and graduation rates at a lower cost than traditional classroom instruction, according to a report by the Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy.

Virtual schools offer other advantages over bricks-and-mortar schools. For instance, distance is no barrier, and kids learn on their own time and at their own pace, the report said.

Beware of AARP's spin on Medicare and entitlement spending

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20110618/NEWS0802/706189967>

By John S. McCollister, Executive Director of the Platte Institute

Both political parties, to varying degrees, are beginning to agree that America has a spending problem. But when the rhetoric turns to actual policy, the reality of solving the problem is evident: Nobody wants his own program cut.

This includes the AARP, a special-interest group for seniors. The AARP should be leading the charge to strengthen Medicare. Instead, AARP has been busy protecting its bottom line.

