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CAAL today posted a new blog by Gail Spangenberg about the role of media in covering findings from OECD's PIAAC report. The piece is titled MEDIA MATTERS: PIAAC. We hope you'll find the article stimulating and add your own comments.

"On October 8th, despite our federal shutdown," writes Spangenberg, "PIAAC's findings were released by OECD....The overall release included the U.S. ranking and performance variables. The results show that the U.S. continues to perform well in terms of higher education attainment, but our record at the lower levels is abysmal. In fact, it has worsened. Our overall international standing has declined even more than only a few years ago."

"No sooner had the OECD report been released," she said, "than I received a call from a national radio program asking for a brief interview about what I thought was needed to address our low-skills problem and reverse our trendline internationally. The result of that interview points to one of the big problems adult education has always faced when the nature and scale of ADULT education/literacy is suddenly in the news: lack of any sustained or in-depth coverage."

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