The articles in this Special Focus section of Thought & Action address policy issues raised by the “seamless web” of education. These issues range from the formal P-16 or P-20 councils established in some 30 states, to issues for educators at all levels of instruction: articulation, alignment, dual enrollment, and curricular and pedagogical issues involved in college preparation.

In an interview that opens this section, NEA President Dennis Van Roekel focuses more directly on how these issues affect the Association, and in turn what NEA and its members can do to influence these developments. In subsequent articles, college president Leon Botstein, education policy scholar Michael Kirst, Association leader Roger Davis, Association staff member Jerry Hoffman, and Association member Amber Vayo consider from unique perspectives the issues raised by the “seamless web” of education.