

PARENTS ACROSS AMERICA



Positive, progressive reforms that work

WHAT WORKS:

Proven Reforms: We support the expansion of sensible, research-based reforms, such as small classes, parent involvement, strong, experienced teachers, a well-rounded curriculum and evaluation systems that go beyond test scores.

Sufficient and Equitable Funding: Resources do matter, especially when invested in programs that have been proven to work.

Diversity: We support creating diverse, inclusive schools and classrooms whenever possible.

Meaningful Parent Involvement: Parents must have a significant voice in policies at the school, district, state and national levels. We are not just "consumers" or "customers" but knowledgeable, necessary partners in any effective reform effort.

WHAT DOESN'T WORK:

Privatization: Having a strong public education system is fundamental to our democracy. We oppose efforts to privatize public education through the expansion of charters, vouchers or other privately-run programs at the expense of our regular public schools.

High-Stakes Testing: Excessive reliance on standardized exams narrows the curriculum, promotes teaching to the test and leads to unfair and unreliable evaluations of teachers and schools.

School Closings: Closing schools wreaks havoc on families and communities, and too often fails to deliver on promises to create better opportunities for children. We believe in improving the schools we have, rather than shutting them down.

Ignoring Poverty: The nation's educational "crisis" is made worse by the widening gap between rich & poor. Along with investing in our schools, we should also be investing in families.

If you agree, please join us, as we fight for children and better schools!

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