

**What can we do to address educational inequity?
Here are 13 ideas!**



Use social media

- 1) Get acquainted with and share the great materials from the National Education Policy Center which debunks corporate reform propaganda. <http://nepc.colorado.edu/>
- 2) Follow Dr. Paul Thomas's blog, <https://radicalsolarship.wordpress.com/>
- 3) Go after the idea that there are “two sides” to each argument even when one is nonsense and the other has strong research behind it. Spread the truth – you know how!

Speak out on social policy

- 4) Work for a living wage and guaranteed employment.
- 5) Advocate for needed student and family services.
- 6) Demand an end to high-stakes testing and support for quality multiple assessments in ESSA and local policies.
 - PAA's Testing and ESEA position paper can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/q9cnpfx>
 - An alternative annual report card focused on teachers, students and parents is at <http://tinyurl.com/odkrz8w>.
- 7) Support school restorative justice programs and reforms in the criminal justice system. See <http://www.dignityinschools.org/>
- 8) Demand that public officials provide more resources and support for schools, not closure.

Take action!

- 9) Boycott WalMart and other funders of privatization (more here: <http://pureparents.org/?p=20594>).
- 10) Opt out of standardized testing.
- 11) Testify at local school board meetings and education-related legislative hearings: write, call and visit your elected officials regularly.
- 12) Run for your local school board or other municipal office: get inspired by PAA founding members Helen Gym (now a Philadelphia City Councilwoman) and Sue Peters (now a Seattle School Board member) along with Baton Rouge school board member Dawn Collins!
- 13) Sign up for the PAA newsletter which includes an action of the week: join our news list (the subscription box is on our home page) and consider starting a PAA chapter or affiliate (also on our home page).