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Parents must ask... CAN I SEE?

- Can I See WHAT you are teaching my child?
- Can I See HOW you are teaching my child?
- Can I See WHO is financially benefitting from the data collected on my child via the instructional materials my child's teacher is mandated to use?



"Transformation" in Education

There is a "Fundamental Transformation" occurring in education today. Some will say it is 21st Century Learning. The truth is, there is nothing 21st Century about it. It is the same battle that has been fought in the past and pushed back by American **PARENTS** and **Teachers!!**

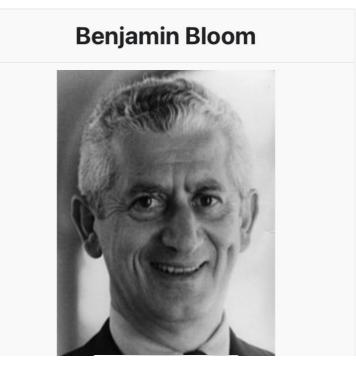
Why? Because parents and teachers understood just how harmful this is to children, our families, and our nation.

The **"SHIFT"** in education is changing from a **transmission of knowledge**, that parents still expect from our schools, to an emphasis on altering the students world-views, values, attitudes, beliefs and behaviors.

When education is focused on how students perceive the world, that is known as critical theory or Cultural Marxism. Nationalism is destroyed. Globalism is in place.

The Truth About Education Reform

American educational psychologist who made contributions to the classification of educational objectives and to the theory of mastery learning. He is particularly noted for leading educational psychologists to develop the comprehensive system of describing and assessing educational outcomes in the mid-1950s.^[1] He has influenced the practices and philosophies of educators around the world from the latter part of the twentieth century.



Bloom's Taxonomy

Professor Benjamin Bloom's theory known as "Bloom's Taxonomy" is taught to every teacher in the teachereducation programs. Every teacher knows about Bloom's Taxonomy, but they probably do not know that Professor Bloom bragged that **he could change a devout Christin into an Atheist in one hour using his ideas.** Bloom's Taxonomy was behind many of the the gifted and talented programs in the 1980s and 1990s. The process is a very efficient way to train students.

21st Century Learning

"Teachers don't need to teach kids the capitals of the states, teachers no longer need to be dishing out information to the uninformed. Instead, teaching needs to be about helping kids to access and to comprehend information, and how to organize and categorize, assess, link and apply and use knowledge." -Luon Calkins



Lucy Calkins – Lucy Calkins founded the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP) in 1981 as a think tank, field-based research team, and provider of curriculum and professional development. Since then the organization has evolved in important ways, becoming more directly involved with school leaders, data, international schools, technology, classroom libraries, and with an effort to fight oppression and to be anti-racist.

21st Century Learning Instructional Materials







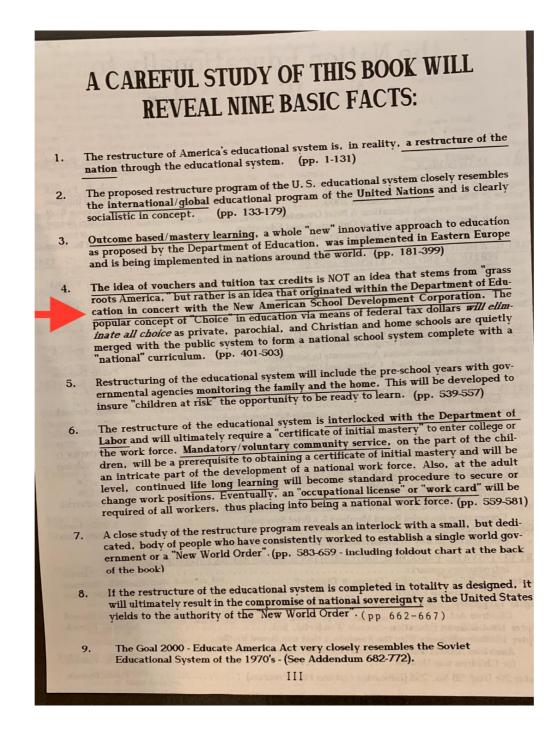
Quaver Ed uses... **Evidence-Based Instruction:** "Curriculum is aligned to CASEL competencies and designed to grow with the needs of your youngest learners." Karen Niemi, CEO of the company CASEL, Collaborative for academic and social and emotional learning, announced her company "has revised its definition of and framework for 'socio-emotional learning' to highlight the value of SEL as a weapon for social justice." She asserts SEL "helps students 'move from anger to agency and then to action' primarily in the cause of anti-racism."

The **LessonBee platform** provides an adaptive and interactive learning experience that takes the awkwardness out of health class.

Growing up and exploring her queer identity without having proper sexual or mental health education left Reva McPollom often feeling confused and isolated. For that reason, she seeks to build conversation, especially in schools, among peers, and with educators, around healthy sexuality and mental wellness. She founded Lessonbee, which provides a socially responsive health education curriculum for students in grades K-12, Health class is outdated, so Lessonbee wants to fix it We believe in transparency as it relates to our **DEIB initiatives**. (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging)

The unfortunate reality of the publishing industry, fitness industry, and academia are that these are difficult environments for people of color and those with many types of differences: race, gender, sexual orientation, ability, socioeconomic background, and more. We recognize that as a part of each of these fields, HK has been complicit in these inequities. We're committed to building a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive company, and publishing field as a whole, that reflects our mission and values.

1994 Manual Goals 2000/America 2000



If you are in the business world, it is likely you have heard the term... **Total Quality Management (TQM) TQM** is a business model for accountability. **A "system" to control** the quality of the end product. Most would agree this is a very important system to have in place in the private sector when creating a good product that will successfully be sold to consumers. In order to control the quality of the product you must collect a lot of data.

But, what if the "product" is a child?

What are **College and Career Readiness Common Core** aligned Standards?

The Common Core is Based on Unesco's World Education Curriculum

In 2015 the United States signed a global goals agreement knows as the Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDG)s.

Education is the fourth goal globally.

The choice readiness will use the **education and data** for our students to be one of 3 tracks: **COLLEGE** (leader or authority), **CITIZEN** (includes military as protector or authority), or **WORKER**. <u>See</u> <u>the 2015 UN Report</u>:



Purposes Behind Common Core and College and Career Readiness

- Shifts Education Philosophy- from an education of <u>Opportunity</u> (Equal Opportunity) based on academics; reading, writing, math and history to an education of <u>equity</u> (Equal Outcomes) based on attitudes, values, beliefs and behaviors.
- Broadened Impact The Common Core National Standards expand the target from <u>K-12</u> (Kindergarten through 12th grade) to a <u>P-20</u> (Pre-school through College, Trade or Graduate School) system.
- Testing Based Outcomes- The Common Core National Standards shifts from the "<u>Mental</u>" (Academics and Knowledge Based Tests) to "<u>Behaviors</u>" (Performance Standards and Competency for the workforce).
- Adjustments to Ideology- Change American's worldview from <u>nationalism</u> into <u>globalism</u> and allows for a government controlled economy known as "<u>Dirigisme</u>" or the more common use–a dirigiste economy. It means essentially a state directed economy.
- Dismantle traditional public schools- in favor of charter like structures (public/private partnerships) that will be forced to generate student data for global corporate profit and state control.

There were three major actions under the Obama administration, without legislative approval, to change two hundred years of traditional public education in the United States.

(1) The **Common Core** copyright, which created a national curriculum and national testing mandating that individual students meet individual standards (similar to the Obamacare individual mandate).

(2) **Unlocking data** 'to flow' through the Family Education Rights in Privacy Act, FERPA, which allows personally identifiable information on our children to flow to outside 3rd party contractors for research and curriculum development to match Common Core.

(3) No Child Left Behind Flexibility Waiver, (ESEA, Elementary and Secondary Education Act), that is re-training teachers to teach to Common Core. ESEA was reauthorized in Dec. 2015 and renamed (Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Standards were rebranded as College and Career Readiness.

This also allowed ALL children in public school to be funded under Title I by changing the definition of who is poor or educationally deprived to anyone not meeting Common Core. (Free and reduced lunch guidelines of 40% school wide were dropped to 0%.)

These three important points control standards and testing, curriculum, and teachers with all public school children being funded under Title I. (Source: <u>Anita Hoge</u>)

No Choice and No Voice

Education Reformer's

'Equity in Education Plan' for our entire country:

- charter schools replace public schools:
- everyone has federal Title I choice funds to go to any school (charter, private or religious)
- every child is taught the same standards:
- every teacher must teach the same standards:
- every test must be aligned to these standards:
- curriculum and software is aligned to standards:
- everything listed here is aligned to government data collection compliance.

Source: <u>Anita Hoge</u>

The vision to "fundamentally transform" education laid out the pathway to Globalization is through "School Choice."

With "choice" comes accountability through rules and regulations.

Global DATA Standards

The UNESCO Institute for Statistics is producing globally-comparable education data for the monitoring and implementation of SDG 4 and the Education 2030 agenda.



Key Players Funding and Implementing A Global Transformation in Education

* Google and Microsoft are Unesco Partners with deals to promote Unesco's values through a World Curriculum.

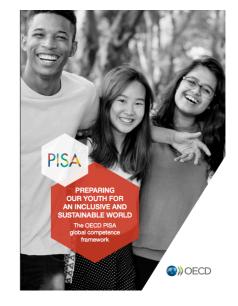
* The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) a World Policy Organization.

The OECD runs an Assessment system to support <u>Unesco's Sustainable</u> <u>Development goals.</u>

The OECD's assessment director, Andreas Schleicher, a German worked with the Obama Administration to reshape the US K-12 online assessment system.

The OECD reshaped assessments so they run in the background of online curriculum.

The OECD assessments are assessing behaviors more than academics.



OECD quotes - "The skills, attitudes, and values that shape human behavior should be rethought to counter the discriminatory behaviors picked up at school and in the family."

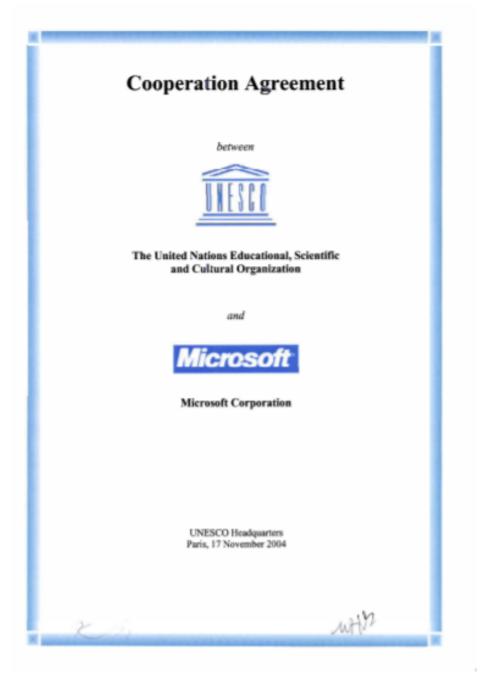
"All young people should be able to challenge cultural and gender stereotypes, to reflect on the causes and solutions of racial, religious and hate violence and to help create tolerant integrated societies."

Andreas Schleicher worked in a study group with the National Conference Committee of State Legislators.

2000 Gates Foundation in Texas



- In 2000, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation gave the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) a grant for \$6.3 million.
- In 2004 Microsoft signed <u>a 26-page "Cooperation Agreement</u> with the UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND <u>CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO</u>) to develop a "master curriculum (Syllabus)" for teacher training in information technologies based on standards, guidelines, benchmarks, and assessment techniques.



DATA TRILLION Dollar Global Commodity Student Data = "Investment Vehicle"

- The controversial No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) is approved by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush on January 8, 2002. The law, which reauthorizes the ESEA of 1965 and replaces the Bilingual Education Act of 1968, mandates high-stakes student testing, holds schools accountable for student achievement levels and provides penalties for schools that do not make adequate yearly progress toward meeting the goals of NCLB.
- 2002 the federal government began the Statewide Longitudinal Data System grant program to offer grants to states that agreed to build their student data systems according to federal dictates (20 U.S.C. § 9501 et seq).
- 2009, the federal Stimulus package, required the construction of particular data systems in exchange for the money from the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund. P. 171
- 2012, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) was gutted, and no longer protected our children's data from almost unlimited sharing. Under the new regulatory interpretation, the U.S. Department of Education (USED) (and in fact state departments of education) may disclose personally identifiable student data to literally anyone in the world, as long as the disclosing agency uses the correct language to justify its action.
- 2014, Congress overwhelmingly passed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). which provided the wrapping
 of K-12 education into a workforce development system binding all students. Nominally led by the states, this emphasis goes to
 regulations pushed by both the federal Department of Labor and Education. In this WIOA document, take special note of page 6; "it
 is important to review state legislation and identify areas that may conflict with WIOA to develop plans and strategies that resolve
 these conflicts. When state and federal laws conflict, federal laws take precedence."
 As shown here, it clearly states databases developed through the Workforce Initiative (WDQI) and Statewide Longitudinal Data

System Grants are "required" to be linked at the individual level making it Personally Identifiable.

- 2015, Congress reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) replacing No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and is now known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) found here. As Rep. Tim Ryan, Ohio stated (video here), this is the "New Common Core," while he was debating the Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA) is about character traits not academics. ESSA Violations found here.
- 2019, Congress passed the Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act (FEPA) (H.R. 4174) which creates a federal database containing data from every federal agency on every citizen and access to that information will be through D.C. BUREAUCRATIC APPROVAL; FEPA puts Student Privacy, Parental Consent, and Citizen's Data Confidentiality Rights in jeopardy under the guise of transparency, open government, and the claim that it will make for better decisions by lawmakers. Here are some important details from a summary and a rebuttal prepared by groups who opposed FEPA.

HEALTH ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY (HARPA)

The Medicalization of Our Schools



All of these titles would be accurate because each of them describes different appendages of the same program. What is involved in the "Medicalization of Our Schools". At issue is Medicaid with screenings and interventions that take place under the cloak of prevention and "health."

- Schools represent a "captive audience" and as such, prime targets for social policy change.
 From a purely educational viewpoint, this could be termed "The Destruction of the American Educational System."
- From a health care perspective, this could be viewed as "The Subversion of the World's Finest System of Health Care."
- From a societal vantage point, this could be described as "The Subduing of the American Family."
- However, because of the integration of business and labor, this could also just as accurately be dubbed, "The Collectivization of American Capitalism."
- Analyzed from a public policy perspective, it could be called "The Demise of Representative Government."

2006 TASA's New Mission to Transform Public Education Began

Creating a New Vision for

Public Education in Texas

A Work in Progress

for Conversation and Further Development

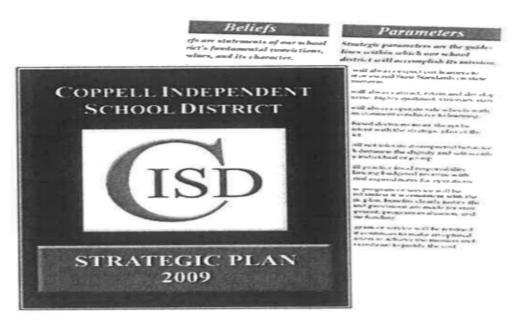
Respectfully Offered by Superintendent Participants in the Public Education Visioning Institute

- In 2006, the 79th Texas Legislature required the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to establish vertical teams composed of public school educators and faculty from institutions of higher education to develop college- and career-ready standards in the areas of English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- In 2006 the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA)'s New ٠ Mission to transform Public Education begins. Public school superintendents from across the state were inspired to come together to create a new vision for public education in Texas. Meeting as the Public Education Visioning Institute for two years, they shared ideas on how to transform Texas public education to meet the needs of 21st-century students.
- In 2007 the Texas Education Agency (TEA) was given a \$7 million dollar ٠ grant by the Gates foundation. With the stated purpose: to provide funding towards a longitudinal evaluation of the Texas High School Project now known as "Educate Texas" funded by "Communities Foundation of Texas", as a way to understand the effectiveness of individual projects and programs, as well as overall effectiveness.
- In 2007 a new special interest group formed by Mike Moses and Bill Ratliff ٠ called, Raise Your Hand.
- In 2008 TASA created the New Vision for Public Education Document.

Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA)'s New Vision for Public Education

Organizational Transformation: Why Great Isn't Good Enough (Article V)

As Fullan describes in *Leadership and Sustainability* (2005), for districts to truly make deep changes, leaders must understand and communicate clearly about how to make the conceptual changes, develop a coalition of leaders throughout the system who also are sophisticated about the process, and develop a demanding culture with universal moral purpose. In Coppell, district leaders used two powerful tools to create and nurture an organizational culture focused on and committed to transformation: (1) stakeholder engagement in shared decision making, and (2) strategic planning at every level of the system.



All across Texas, school districts are using their "strategic plan" to drive organizational transformation, to include new learning environments, new learning standards and assessments and new accountability for students and their teachers.

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- In 2011, the Texas Legislature passed SB 1557
 establishing the Texas High Performance Schools
 Consortium to inform policymakers on improving
 student learning through the development of innovative,
 next-generation learning standards and assessment
 and accountability systems

HIGH-PERFORMING SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

Challenge, Support, Alignment, and Choice

BILL& MELINDA GATES foundation

Common Core aligned Instructional Materials flood into Texas!

- In 2011 Texas legislature overwhelmingly passed SB 6. <u>SB 6</u> allows textbook publishers to bypass the state adoption process. It is SB 6 that opened the door for CSCOPE and Common Core aligned instructional materials to proliferate our public schools. In addition, for the permanent education fund (PEF) to now be used for professional development of teachers for online digital learning.
- In 2012 according to TASA, The Texas High Performance Schools Consortium takes shape — originally <u>23 Texas school districts</u> — were selected in 2012 by the commissioner of education. The Consortium began its work in October 2012 with superintendents and district teams working through the fall semester to determine strategy for conducting the Consortium's work as specified in SB 1557 and to produce the <u>Consortium's first</u> report, delivered in December 2012.
- In 2012 TASA's Future-Ready Superintendents designed its inaugural Future-Ready Superintendents Leadership Institute. TASA's Student-Centered Schools Future-Ready Students Document; <u>The Moral Imperative: From Vision</u> to Action Future-Ready Superintendents Leadership Institute The Moral Imperative: *From Vision to Action If we teach today's students as we taught yesterday's, we rob them of tomorrow.* John Dewey, Schools of Tomorrow, 1915
- 2012-13 TASA pushes Anti-Testing Resolution In 2012, TASA prepared a sample school board resolution to build support for the anti testing STAAR Opt out movement. By January 2013, <u>881 Texas school districts</u> — 86 percent of Texas districts and 91 percent of its students — had adopted the resolution. Dozens of Chambers of Commerce and PTA groups across Texas passed similar resolutions.





DATA! DATA! DATA!

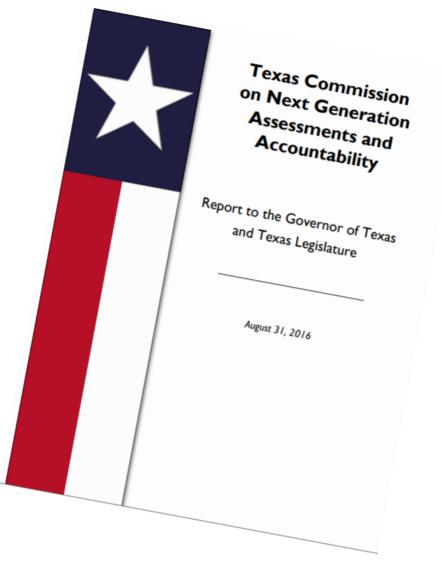
- In 2013 Texas passes HB2103 which opened Texas students, parents, and teachers up to possible data mining by third-party entities. This bill set up cooperating agencies including the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), and the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) that will share data. Three centers for education research (CER's) were set up to conduct research using the data from the TEA, THECB, and TWC that goes back at least 20 years. The data will be known as the P-20/Workforce Data Repository and will be operated by the Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- In 2013 Texas legislators pass <u>HB5 (Workforce Development)</u> law. Both Republicans and Democrats overwhelmingly pass HB5, authored by Rep. Jimmy Don Aycock and Sen. Dan Patrick. The Workforce Development (HB5) just like the Common Core National Standards, expands the target from K-12 (Kindergarten through 12th grade) to a P-20W (Pre-school through College, Trade or Graduate School) system in order to control the economy and control our children by funneling them into certain career pathways.
- In 2013 TASA Published its <u>Concept Paper on Transforming Texas Public Schools</u>, which provides history and background on the transformation movement as well as an outline of the Consortium's work in the areas of digital integration, high-priority learning standards, multiple assessments, and communitybased accountability.
- In 2014 the Future-Ready Superintendents advance their MISSION School Transformation. <u>The Moral</u> <u>Imperative: From Vision to Action</u>, a report that captures the Institute participants' desire to help launch the vision from the Public Education Visioning Institute into action.
- In 2014 the State Board of Education (SBOE) and Texas Education Agency (TEA) develop a process for the revision of the English Language arts and Reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) that included the identification of high-priority learning standards by curriculum experts from the field. In December 2014, the Consortium released its <u>second report</u>.

The Next Generation of Assessments and Accountability

Ed-Tech is where the Right and the Left Merge in Education

Ed-Tech online digital learning, mandated by the state, via the Next Generation of Assessments and Accountability, mandated federally, via the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WOIA) and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), is the access point, giving the state and their public/private partnerships the ability to modify our children's attitudes values beliefs and behaviors.

 In 2015 <u>HB 2804</u> created the <u>Texas</u> <u>Commission on Next Generation</u> <u>Assessments and Accountability</u> to "develop and make recommendations for new systems of student assessment and public school accountability".



Districts of Innovation (DOI) = **Experimentation**

In 2015, in the 84th Legislative Session <u>HB 1842, effective</u> immediately, that gives traditional school districts most of the flexibilities available to Texas' open enrollment charter schools. To access these flexibilities, a school district must adopt an innovation plan, as set forth in Texas Education Code chapter 12A. The appointed Commissioner of Education is given power to write the rules and regulations for the Districts of Innovation (DOI).

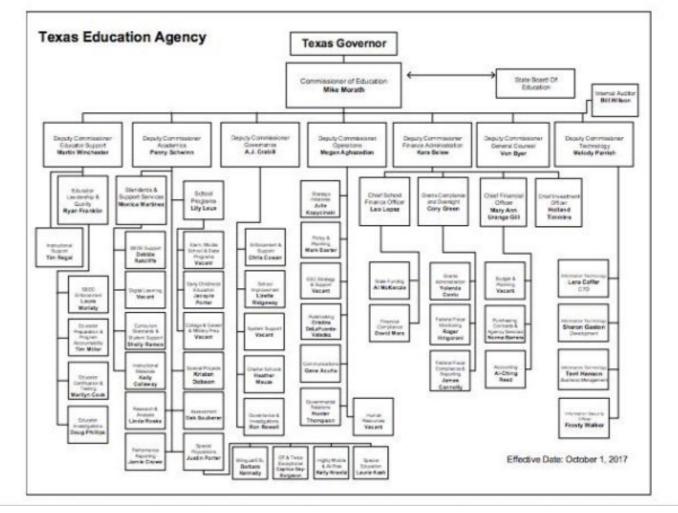
DISTRICT OF INNOVATION



2016 Emerging Opportunities in Education Choice – Texas Style

Commissioner Mike Morath restructured the Texas Education Agency (TEA) with federally funded (thru Higher Education Act) Teach For America (TFA) Pro-Charter School Change Agents

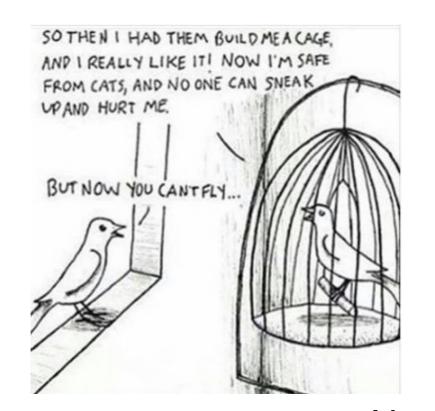


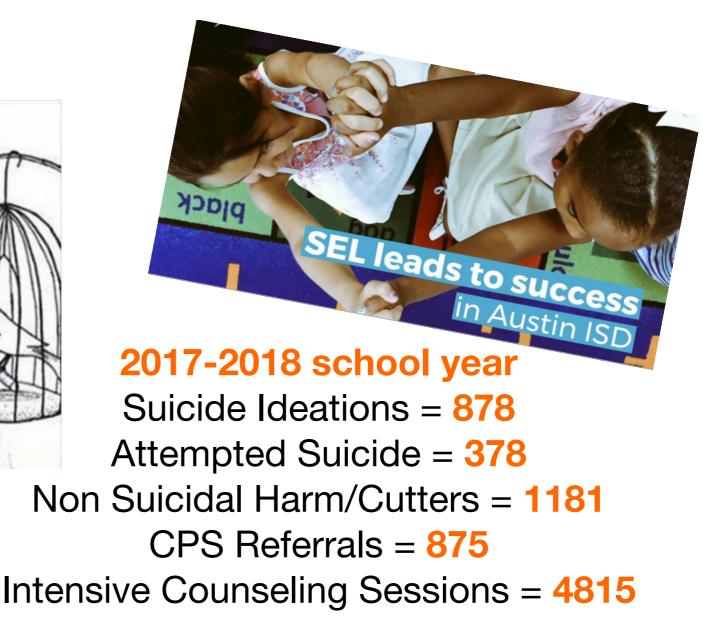


Merging of Mental Health and Education!

Question- Has anyone besides me thought...?

21st Century Learning/ Common Core aligned College and Career Readiness/ Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is causing our kids to harm themselves and others.





Governor Abbott's School Safety Plan

GOVERNOR ABBOTT has signed SB 504, HB 18 and SB 11 with included SB 10 setting up the FRAMEWORK for FUNDING and giving the state access to collect private personally identifiable data, monitor, and provide state intervention into your child's mental health! Their access point? Your children's school.





U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos signed on to a radical global "declaration" The declaration, produced at the first ever "Education Working Group" of the Group of 20 (G20) network of governments and dictatorships, was titled <u>'Building consensus for fair and sustainable development</u>." How free nations can build "consensus" on "education"

- The Devos signed Declaration demanded more data-gathering and -mining. "We recognize the value of policies based on evidence and the importance of having robust and comprehensive learning assessment systems and data in order to measure progress and learning outcomes, to help ensure quality education for all at all stages of life,"
- The agreement also demands further globalization of education. For instance, it calls for "international investment in education," a theme consistent with the ongoing globalization of education under the UN's extremist "education" agency known as UNESCO.
- "We acknowledge the role of existing and potential international mechanisms for financing education," the document continues.

DATA is a **TRILLION** Dollar Global Commodity

Public Private Partnerships

Pay For Success (PFS) -Social Impact Bonds (SIB)s -"Blended Funding"

As explained in <u>"Wall Street's Latest Public Sector Rip-Off: Five Myths About Pay for</u> <u>Success</u> by Kenneth J. Saltman,

"...investment banks pay for public services to be contracted out to private providers and stand to earn much more money than the cost of the service...The Every Student Succeeds Act [ESSA] of 2015, the latest iteration of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, directs federal dollars to incentivize these for-profit educational endeavors significantly legitimizing and institutionalizing them."

President Obama established "the first-ever White House Office of Social Innovation."

To remodel our workforce training programs....OUR public programs.

President Obama's Social Innovation Fund is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. "...three foundations have played particularly significant roles: the Rockefeller Foundation, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and the Laura and John Arnold Foundation.... all three foundations have funded the Government Performance Lab at Harvard, established in 2011, that helps implement and expand Pay for Success initiatives. Jeffrey Liebman, who served in the Obama administration as the deputy director for policy at the OMB, runs the Harvard center."

Action- WHAT WE NEED?

We need Parents to go from CAN I SEE to... I CAN SEE!!

We need to **Expose the true nature of Cultural Marxism!**

We need DATA Privacy in the Classroom

We need FUNDING FOR Parents to FILE LAWSUITS!