

Learning is defined as “knowledge acquired by systematic study in any field”. Nelson Mandela said, “education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” education is the true measure of someone's worth. So it would seem as tho we should be putting lots of funding into education so that future generations can be better prepared in life than the previous one. However that is not just not what is going on it seems as if america wants the future to fail. The world is constantly changing and as a species we are forced to do the same. So again you would think that education is adapting and evolving to fit the societal norms of today's business. Yet again this is not happening! It is unbelievable how much lack of funding there is in america today.

Humans have always been a curious race of creatures. In the days before writing they used to paint pictures to get across ideas and teach future generations. Learning quickly evolved when we stopped our nomadic ways and learned how to farm our own food instead of relying on the migration of animals. What happens is we slowly got into a very basic genealogy about how to make better crops. By mixing certain characteristics from different types of vegetables they were able to make more and easier to harvest food.

The amount of time saved by these methods allowed them to make technological advances. These often lead to less people having to farm, and more and more people settled into city like areas. They then passed down all of theses tricks to their children so that they could be specialized to help the society grow.

Skipping forward to ancient greece, from the age of 7 till 20 boys would go to a school to learn how to be a soldier. So that they would be prepared to serve in the army. Lower class or poor people in greece would not attend school so they would work to help their family make a

living. This shows how important it is no matter what time period it is to have an education.

After the fall of Greece the Romans picked up on a lot of the teachings. However they improved many of the former empires ideas to be better and better. They like today also had tuition based learning however most teachers were private tutors so it was a much more personalized lesson then in today's world.

Learning in America in the beginning of this country's history is a lot different then now. In early America the settlers tried getting government out of the schooling systems because they thought that it wouldn't be good enough for teaching them how to live the "correct" way. They continued this way till the early 1800s when public schools slowly started to look more like what they do nowadays. Most learning at this time was still based around the church and so the teaching lessons reflect that. The parents thought that schools should teach the children how to make a living and how to properly live a good life.

Education in the early 1900s the need for education greatly increased as the stock market started to rise so many new specialist jobs would be needed for big businesses. So people were more willing to put money into the schools cuz it was seen as an investment. When the stock market crashed in the late 20s funding in education dramatically decreased as dropout and unemployment rates went thru the roof.

Today in America schools are the most underpaid they have ever been. Public education has not been properly funded since 1970. If you look at the numbers it looks like there is alot more going into education then there really is. America spent 107.6 billion dollars on education in 2015. That seems like a lot until you realize that that is 1/8 of the funding that welfare received

and 1/5 of the spending on medicare. If that doesn't tell you where america's priorities are then you will find that america financially gives more money per convict then they do per student.

On average the cost of funding for an inmate is 60 grand a year. That is 6 times more funding than what the per student ratio is of 10 grand a year. So we are spending more money on people who are breaking our laws then we are people who are going to shape the future of america. People wonder why school isn't taken seriously by a lot of kids maybe if we as a society put the actual time and resources it took then maybe it wouldn't be seen as such a waste of time.

The world of jobs is expanding that we shouldn't be taught with the common core method because it is an ineffective solution to a major problem. The problem is that children in public education aren't getting the specialized help and resources that are going to greatly impact their performance at their future job. It is also unfair to a teacher who has to deal with over 150 students a day there is no way any person can give a lesson that will fit everyone's needs and learning level. So how are they supposed to do that if they are as under paid and as underfunded as they are. Teachers are not glorified babysitters they are there to teach future generations how to improve their lives and the lives of people around them. Being a teacher is one of the hardest jobs (look at how much trouble you have to go threw with just me and guillermo) and they are barely making live able wage so it should come as no surprise that there is a lack of teachers.

The lack of funding is also taking away from the part of school that some people go for. They have to have major budget cuts on lots of extra curricular activities. Many workshops and classes that are deemed unnecessary get thrown out the window. The lack of funding for activities such as art and music where some people spend most of their lives around this are

getting canceled and under funded because math and science are deemed as more worthy.

Common core is expensive and boring for students it creates an environment that is more of a everyone is equal in an environment where not everyone learns equally. Students who are fast paced learners quickly become bored and distracting to others who learn at a slower pace. The slower pace learners get crammed into a room of distractions that will further slow their learning. The small percentage that is learning at the level common core is made for aren't learning the stuff that they want to be because it doesn't suit their interests. That doesn't even mention that annually common core costs 80 billion dollars to maintain. So it's an expensive way to waste the time of students teachers and the future.

With the amount of money necessary we can be able to give teachers a better wage. We could increase learning in different ways with more hands on activities and more field trips. We can also improve the outdated overly expensive textbooks and replace them with personal computers. The computers would give the children more access to more job based way of working due to almost nobody looking things up in textbooks when the answer more often than not is online. Personal computers will also teach kids responsibility as well as how to find reliable sources.

We could also use the money to provide a more personal way of learning sense with the increase in teacher wage it would cause that means more people would be wanting to teach and that could make it more personalized learning structures instead of a classroom of a bunch of different skill and learning level being taught the same way. Teachers could make special lessons online that would help student by student by identifying weaknesses and using their strengths to excel in their work environment.

Also instead of teaching everyone the same basic things we should be opening up more workshops and real work methods. Examples being that if a kid is interested in fixing cars for a living we shouldn't be forcing him to take spanish and science that isn't relating to what his interests are. We should keep those for the people who do like that stuff even if they don't wanna use it in the future just wanna learn it. They should also be able to work in math and chemistry that way they know how everything works in a car so they are still learning however they are learning for a style of job that they are actually going to work. Specializing the learning method like this will helps keep the students interest in learning as well as helping them so they can go home and want to come back learning more. School instantly becomes less of a burden and more of something people are happy and excited to do.

Most people are upset with the lack of funding in public education but almost nobody is willing to pull out their wallet and help pay for it. We don't see how bad the lack of funding is and for the people who do aren't willing to pay because it “doesn't affect them positively” however this is the future of america and that should terrify people. The future of america rests in the hands of people who haven't learned how to write a check. So everyone should help support funding for public education those few dollars now are like an insurance plan to help rescue your future.