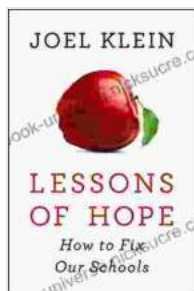


# Lessons of Hope: How to Fix Our Schools and Re-Engage Our Students

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But there is hope. In recent years, a number of schools and districts have implemented innovative reforms that have shown promise for improving student outcomes. These reforms include:



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The lessons learned from these reforms offer a roadmap for how we can fix our schools and re-engage our students. By implementing these reforms, we can create a more equitable and effective education system that prepares all students for success.

## **The Challenges Facing Education**

The United States education system faces a number of challenges, including:

- **Declining student performance:** Student performance on standardized tests has been declining for decades. In 2019, only 37% of eighth graders were proficient in math and 36% were proficient in reading.
- **Increasing inequality:** Our schools are increasingly segregated and unequal. Students from low-income families are more likely to attend schools with less funding, fewer resources, and less qualified teachers. This inequality leads to a significant achievement gap between students from different socioeconomic backgrounds.
- **Lack of student engagement:** Many students are not engaged in their learning. They are bored by the material, they don't see the relevance of what they're learning, and they don't feel challenged. This

lack of engagement leads to poor attendance, low grades, and high dropout rates.

- **Inadequate teacher training:** Many teachers are not adequately trained to meet the needs of their students. They may not have the knowledge or skills to teach effectively to all learners, including students from diverse backgrounds or with special needs.
- **Lack of school leadership:** Effective school leadership is essential for school improvement. However, many schools lack strong leaders who can create a positive school culture, build relationships with stakeholders, and drive change.

These challenges are complex and interconnected. They will not be easy to solve. However, by working together, we can create a more equitable and effective education system that prepares all students for success.

## **The Lessons of Hope**

In recent years, a number of schools and districts have implemented innovative reforms that have shown promise for improving student outcomes. These reforms include:

- **Personalized learning:** Personalized learning is an approach to education that tailors instruction to the individual needs of each student. This can be done through a variety of methods, such as flexible grouping, differentiated instruction, and online learning.
- **Project-based learning:** Project-based learning is a teaching method that engages students in learning by having them work on real-world projects. This approach helps students develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills.

- **Teacher collaboration:** Teacher collaboration is essential for school improvement. When teachers work together, they can share ideas, develop strategies, and support each other in their work.
- **Parent and community involvement:** Parent and community involvement is essential for student success. When parents and the community are involved in their children's education, they can provide support, resources, and a positive learning environment.
- **School leadership:** Effective school leadership is essential for school improvement. Strong leaders can create a positive school culture, build relationships with stakeholders, and drive change.

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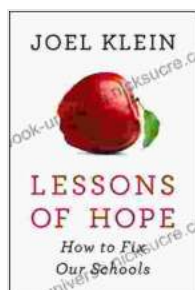
Our children's future depends on it.

## **Call to Action**

What can you do to help fix our schools and re-engage our students?

- **Get involved in your child's education.** Volunteer in the classroom, attend school events, and talk to your child about their learning.
- **Support your local schools.** Vote for school board members who support public education, and donate to organizations that support school improvement.
- **Advocate for policies that improve education.** Contact your elected officials and let them know that you support policies that increase school funding, improve teacher training, and expand access to early childhood education.
- **Be a positive role model for children.** Show children that you value education and that you believe in their ability to succeed.

Together, we can create a better future for all students.



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